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LITTLE NEWS OF IRAN FIGHTING

According to the latest news from Iran available in authoritative circles in London yesterday afternoon, the British units which entered the country encountered some resistance but it is not yet known where this occurred or how serious the resistance was.

One British contingent made a landing from the sea in the Persian Gulf at Bandar Shapur. It is believed that this contingent met with some resistance but this is not definitely confirmed.

The British forces entering Iran include both British and Indian troops but it is understood that no Dominion troops are involved. — Reuter.

THAILAND CABINET CHANGES

DR. SONGRAM, PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND, WHO FORMERLY HELD THE ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIOS OF DEFENCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE INTERIOR, AND WHO RECENTLY DIVESTED HIMSELF OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRY, HAS NOW APPOINTED TWO INDEPENDENT MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF THE INTERIOR.

Nai Direk Chaiman, formerly Deputy Minister of the Interior, receives the Cabinet post, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in Bangkok.

It will be recalled that Major Luang Kowit Aphaiwong was appointed Defence Minister on August 19. — Reuter.

CONVOY ATTACKED

SEVEN SHIPS, TOTALLING 10,000 TONS WERE LOST FROM A BRITISH CONVOY WHICH WAS ATTACKED OFF THE SPANISH COAST LAST WEEK, IT WAS LEARNED IN LISBON YESTERDAY.

One corvette was the only vessel lost by the escort comprising the German claim to have sunk 25 ships and also to have destroyed two warships. — Reuter.

Budenny In Full Control In Southern Ukraine

THERE IS STILL NO CONFIRMATION IN LONDON THAT THE GERMANS HAVE ANY BRIDGE-HEADS ACROSS THE DNIEPER AND THE MAIN PART OF THE FIGHTING THUS REMAINS ON THE WEST OF THE RIVER.

TRADE BAN DECLARED

The Board of Trade in London yesterday made an order prohibiting all export of goods to Iran except under licence as from to-day. — Reuter.

Japan And Mr. Churchill

Authoritative Japanese sources in Tokyo have rejected Mr. Churchill's accusations, saying "Who is menacing whom?"

"Japan is not menacing anybody. Japan has not menaced anything."

Official Japanese reaction is not likely at least until the text is fully received. It has been reported only sketchily.

Mr. Churchill's reference to alleged depredations of the Japanese military faction is labelled "just another attempt to depict a division of Japanese opinion and thereby to disintegrate Japanese unity which is wholly impossible."

Japan's actions are said to be based upon the solid basis of unanimous national policy.

Alienating Thailand

Mr. Churchill's speech is designed to alienate Thailand from Japan, says the "Kokumin Shimbun"

The early morning papers generally follow the first reaction. Mr. Churchill's speech "is devoid of time and sense because the China conflict preceded the European war and therefore Japan cannot be imitating Hitler," the "Kokumin Shimbun" adds. "China reconstruction is co-operative with the Indo-China"

While circumstantial evidence shows that the Dnieper-Petrovsk Dam has been blown up no official statement has been received to that effect from the Russian Government.

Fighting continues to be intense on the Leningrad front but there has been no marked move. In the Smolensk-Gomel area it is known that the Russians are counter-attacking but no details have reached London. — Reuter.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent says that mention of fighting in the Dniepro-Petrovsk region is the first official mention of the southern Ukraine front since the Soviet admission of the fall of Krivoyrog and Kikolalev last week.

In the interval, there have been important new German pushes in the Gomel and Novgorod sectors, but the southern Ukraine did not lose in importance.

German insistence on the fact that the Russians were holding the Dnieper bridgeheads was clear indication that the Russians were methodically withdrawing and that the Germans had failed either to encircle Marshal Budenny's army or any large part of it, or to gain control of any of the crossings of the lower Dnieper.

Rearguard Action

There is strong reason to believe that the mention of Dniepro-Petrovsk in yesterday's communiqué refers to a successful rearguard action.

The question arises: What good to the Germans are the occupied parts of the Ukraine? They must reckon with the passive resistance of the peasants and furthermore, in the long run, the Ukraine, with its almost completed tractorised agriculture, will be quite useless unless the Germans are able to provide vast quantities of petrol — which obviously they cannot.

The plight of the peasants under the Nazis is grievous, but most of them will no doubt manage to survive for a time with clandestine stocks.

advance, agreed freely and peacefully by Vichy, whereas it is Britain who is bearing pressure in South Asia, the paper claims.

Official circles deny knowledge of Japanese-American basic negotiations which were hinted at by Mr. Churchill although reports from Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, have not been received recently. — Reuter.

MOSLEM STATES NOTIFIED

(BY REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

The British Government yesterday morning notified Iran's neighbours and two other Moslem states of the action taken in Iran and the reasons therefore.

The countries concerned are Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia.

The Turkish Government, in particular, have been assured that His Majesty's Government pledge themselves in all circumstances to do nothing that would damage Turkey's interests.

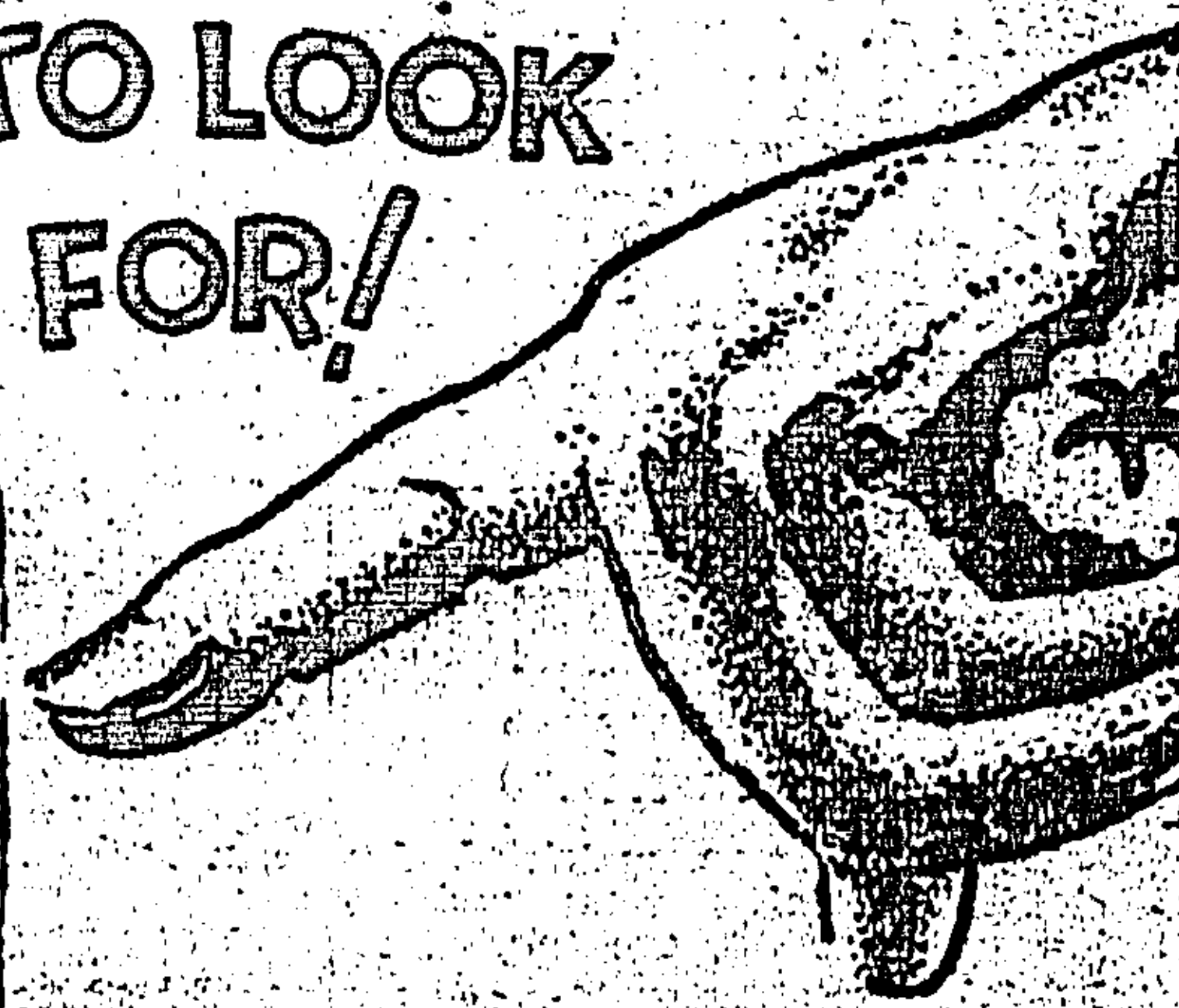
The assurance given Iran regarding her political independence and territorial integrity was conveyed to the Turkish Government. The British Government specially has undertaken to interfere as little as possible with domestic economy and life in Iran.

The United States Government also has been kept fully informed of the action taken by the British and Soviet Governments. — Reuter.

JOINS ROOSEVELT CABINET

President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Francis Biddle, the Solicitor-General, to be the new Attorney-General of the United States. — Reuter.

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SOVIET NOTE TO TEHERAN

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Action Based Upon Treaty Clause

NEWS OF THE SOVIET and British decision to deal effectively with the danger which the situation in Iran presented to both powers in their struggle against Germany was announced on the radio in the fullest detail to the Russian people, says a London message.

It does not come as any surprise to informed observers, and the measured terms of the Soviet Note handed to the Iranian Ambassador speak for themselves. They make the claim that there is no question of any aggression by the Soviet which is acting entirely in self-defence in sending troops into Iran, and bases the action on the clause in the Soviet-Iranian Treaty.

BRITAIN'S ONE WOMAN GENERAL

Slim, 33-year-old Mrs. Jean Knox took over control of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service branch of the army and promised its 50,000 members she would give them a snappier uniform.

With the rank of major general—the first and only woman to hold such rank in the army—she sits at a big desk in a big room in the War Office. The mother of a 14-year-old girl and wife of an R.A.F. squadron leader, she is the youngest general in the British Army.

Mrs. Knox hopes the new four-paneled skirt and tailored jacket she designed for her troops to replace the old plain-cut khaki shirt and coat will coax more girls into the A.T.S. to give her army 200,000 by Christmas. Its jobs are cooking, secretarial, communications and other work in the army that women can do to relieve men for fighting.

The A.T.S. ranks have been full of complaint about their dress on the ground that the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and the Women's Royal Naval Service, with their smart uniforms, have been getting all the dates.

"I maintain you have to give women the smartest uniforms possible to get the best work out of them," said Mrs. Knox. "A woman is affected by the way she looks. If she doesn't feel smart she doesn't work smartly."

Mrs. Knox succeeded 62-year-old Dame Gwynne-Vaughan, who had been controller of the A.T.S. since 1939.

RICH WOMEN PILFER SHOPS

Wealthy women, restricted by clothes rationing from making luxury purchases, are turning to petty theft.

"The increase in shoplifting is tremendous," stated a London police court official.

Stores in all parts of the country tell the same tale.

The manager of a big London shop explained: "The regular thieves can now find plenty of customers for off-the-ration clothes, but most of the new offenders seem to be better-class women."

They are appalled because their coupons won't run to the lovely clothes they've been used to."

The Iranian Government had been given three separate warnings regarding the attitude which the Soviet Government would be obliged to take in view of the continued activity in Iran of German agents.

From the early part of last year there had been a steady flow of these agents through the Balkans and Turkey on their way to Iran, and in recent months it became increasingly clear that these agents have obtained considerable influence through the commercial enterprises they were running or helping to run.

It is felt in London that no such situation could be allowed to brew in Iran as was produced in Iraq, and the Soviet-British decision nips in the bud any such possibility.

No Designs

At the same time the terms of the Soviet Note make it very clear that the Soviet Union has no territorial designs on Iran. The fact that the British and Soviet Governments are acting in concert will be welcomed in London as further practical proof of their determination to act jointly in crushing Hitler's plans.—Reuter.

CAIRO EXCITED

Great excitement prevailed in Cairo as news gradually spread of the joint Anglo-Russian military action in Iran.

It was felt that it was the first step towards strengthening the weak link in the chain of Middle East Countries.

King Farouk's sister is married to the son of the Shah of Iran otherwise there is little in the way of cultural relations between the two countries which because they belong to opposing Moslem sects are sharply divided on religious grounds.

Unofficial observers consider that operations in Iran are likely to take two forms—firstly, the linking of British and Russian forces by the shortest cut and secondly the drive to the north from Basrah.—Reuter.

ITALIAN OFFICERS USED MAKE-UP

"When Greeks captured Italian stores, they frequently found hair nets, cosmetics, powders and perfumes. Italian officers were as vain as women."

Konstantin Kotzias, former Governor-General of Thrace, said this in Capetown the other day. M. Kotzias added that during the fighting Greek women and children often acted as pack animals.

Indian Wheat For Iran

Sixty thousand tons of wheat have already been sent from India to Iran, it was learned in Simla.

This wheat is for the people of Iran with whom Britain has no quarrel and the whole of the normal supplies have been seriously depleted by earlier Axis demands.

Steps are also being taken to send supplies of other essential commodities to Iran.

It is estimated that there are at present about 3,000 Indians in Iran, mainly in oilfields and in Meshed Aram in the north-west.

Precautionary measures regarding Iranian Consulates in India will, it is expected, be taken immediately.—Reuter.

CREATION OF NEW LINK IN MIDDLE EAST

NEWS OF THE ADVANCE into Iran caused great relief throughout the countries covered by the Middle East Command who had been highly conscious of this weak link in the great front which now stretches from West Africa to Singapore.

It is still not known whether the Iranian forces intend to offer resistance but it is thought in Cairo that if resistance is offered it will not be on as large a scale as it was in Syria.

The Iranian Army is believed to number about 19 divisions and is said to be well-trained; but it is lacking in modern equipment. It is reported that their air force consists of only 10 modern aircraft while there are even fewer tanks, of German make.

There is a possibility that the Germans may try and send reinforcements by air but the fact that Russia is acting in cooperation with Britain will make this most difficult.

An advance from Iraq should lead to the rapid linking up of the British and Russian troops. This step towards the creation of a front stretching from Murmansk southwards to the Middle East, Cairo to Basrah makes a great arc on Germany's east barring her road.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S TREBLE REPLY FEAT

Mr. Stokes (Lab., Ipswich) had a tilt at the Prime Minister at question time in the House of Commons the other day.

Had the Prime Minister, he asked, noticed the increasing frequency with which the Minister of Defence (the Prime Minister) answered inquiries addressed to the three defence Departments, and did he realise that this procedure did not suit the convenience of hon. members?

"No, I do not take that view," Mr. Churchill replied.

FRANCE MADE HIM ILL

Concern over France is believed to have caused the serious illness of the seventy-one-year-old Blaschke de Bollmann, head of the Sacred Heart Mission on Xulu Island, Papua.—Reuter.

DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

The Duchess of Gloucester will not, for the next few months, be undertaking any further public engagements.—Reuter.

OLD SCHOOL TIE — SECOND HAND

The old school tie in future may be second-hand. One school, Workshop College, is to open a second-hand clothes shop.

The headmaster, announcing this at the recent Special Day, said Sunday suits would no longer be compulsory.

HUGE ARMS FACTORY OPENS

What is considered to be the world's largest factory making aerial bombs began operations in Ellwood (Illinois) over the weekend.

A steady stream of bombs rolls off the assembly line which is a mile long.

Work on the factory began in November 1940 under contract calling for completion within a year's time so that production has started more than three months ahead of schedule.

The supervising officer is Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Gerber, who says that the plant comprises 23 square miles of buildings and magazines. The factory cost \$30,000,000.—Reuter.

THURSTON CAUGHT

Stanley Thurston, escaped convict, "the man whom no gaol can hold," was arrested in London yesterday after 152 days' liberty.

He had no identity card, no ration book and no gas mask.

Thurston who is aged 31, escaped from the grim high-walled prison, Dartmoor, on March 25, where he was serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention passed in August, 1930, for housebreaking and larceny and for being a habitual criminal. Dartmoor is the fifth prison from which he has escaped.—Reuter.

UNRATIONED WEAR BOUGHT UP BY WOMEN

WOMEN RUSHED recently to buy unrationed goods—with many ideas of their own about making them into clothing.

One London store did six times its normal trade in fabrics. Silk tablecloths, for making into undies, were in big demand. But there was little trade in rationed clothing.

Hats, lace, belts, and ornamental buttons—all unrationed—were popular purchases. Some London shops described their trade in rationed clothes as "quiet," and others as "dead."

One sixpenny store sold only two handkerchiefs and one pair of socks between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

But some girls spent all their twenty-six margarine coupons on lingerie.

Men Stayed Away

Men stayed away. A man who buys a suit now will have to surrender all his twenty-six coupons.

He will not be able to buy even a handkerchief or a pair of socks until he receives his clothes ration book, due in August.

A City tailor is offering to save his customers eight coupons on every suit.

"If the customer buys the cloth, he will need only 3 yards," he said. "For that only eighteen coupons are needed and he will make the suit."

On the whole, people were not muddled about the number of

coupons they had to give or about which articles were rationed.

But there was the elderly lady who "hadn't got things quite clear" and tried to exchange fourteen sugar coupons for an expensive calf handbag—which was unrationed.

Problem Children

Big problems arose in children's departments.

"We have to decide what can be regarded as garments for children up to four years, which are ration free, and it is not an easy job," said an assistant.

"Children vary so much in size."

The Government is expected to adopt further price control measures, with the object of ensuring that the prices of essential clothes needed by poorer people are not raised.

Regulation of changes for such things as boot repairs is also possible.

The National Association of Outfitters has asked the Board of Trade to extend the date on which suits ordered before rationing may be delivered without surrender of coupons.

Germans Fail To Establish Bridgeheads Over Dnieper

Communiques Tell Little

BOTH THE LATEST Russian and German communiques are exceedingly laconic and add nothing to our knowledge of the situation on the eastern front, writes "Annalist" in London commenting on the Soviet-German military situation.

The Russian communique speaks of severe fighting at Kexholm, Novgorod and Dniepro-Petrovsk while a German communique says operations are proceeding satisfactorily according to plan.

CLARION CALL AND INSPIRATION

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. Hughes, in Sydney yesterday described Mr. Churchill's speech as "a clarion call inspiring the British people to an iron resolve to conquer."

He stated the Premier's declaration of policy towards Russia would be received with loud acclaim throughout the Empire.—Reuter.

MEDAL AT HIS BENCH

While a machine-setter was working at his bench in a North-East arms factory, the King decorated him with the medal of the Order of the British Empire.

He was Matthew Bradley, local official of the A.E.U. He was given the medal in the Birthday Honours as a mark of appreciation of the increased production in his factory.

While the brief "Investiture" took place the drills and other machines were working, and Bradley's shopmates looked up from their benches.

"I want to say thank you for the honour on behalf of all the skilled workers here," Bradley told the King.

Honour To All

"It is their honour just as much as mine." The King and Queen, who were nearing the end of their two days' tour of Tyneside and Durham, also visited the shipyards.

As their Majesties walked between the ranks of shipwrights and other workers two of the men held up a blackboard on which was chalked: "We will 'whack 'em, nothing surer; Fatty Goering and his Fuehrer."

Looking at a number of boy "pickers," who assist the riveters, the Queen said: "Now that clothes are rationed the boys will have to wear their fathers' clothes cut down?"

"That's what we do already," said one of the boys, with a grin.

It would seem therefore that neither side has any special claim to record and that no further German advance has been scored in the Leningrad sector.

Independent information suggests that Marshal Timoshenko's counter-offensive is gathering momentum east of Kiev and may relieve German pressure in the Dnieper Bend where the famous industrial centre of Dniepro-Petrovsk is mentioned for the river.

Odessa Thorn

There is, however, no suggestion that the Germans have anywhere been able to establish themselves on the east bank of the river.

The German admission that Russian bridgeheads are being attacked suggests that Marshal Budenny is still in comfortable control of the river and that the Russian garrison at Odessa is proving a nasty thorn in the German flank.

Iran Move

THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, IS TAKING PLACE IN THE REGION OF CAUCASUS WHERE THE BRITISH AND RUSSIAN FORCES ARE LIKELY TO ESTABLISH A JUNCTION VERY SOON.

Effect of this open and expeditious route for supplies and, if necessary, reinforcements, should have an appreciable result on operations in southern Russia.

Possibilities of early Royal Air Force collaboration must not be overlooked.—Reuter.

DUSSELDORF RAID

OPERATIONS BY BRITISH BOMBERS WERE STILL RESTRICTED BY BAD WEATHER ON SUNDAY NIGHT STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Communications and industrial objectives at Dusseldorf were sharply attacked.

Three bombers are missing. An aircraft of the Coastal Command is missing from patrol over the North Sea on Sunday morning.—Reuter.

TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

British patrols at Tobruk are active despite continued enemy artillery and mortar fire, states a communique from British Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

One dive-bombing attack during the day did only minor damage. In the frontier area there was intermittent artillery fire and some patrol activity.—Reuter.



Brilliant and warm sunshine in England this summer was certainly appreciated by these holiday girls. Here is an angle picture as they enjoyed a ball game.

TWENTY TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON TRIPOLI

BRITISH BOMBERS are still busy in the Middle East. A large force of heavy bombers during Sunday night dropped nearly twenty tons of bombs on docks and supply and petrol dumps at Tripoli.

Many direct hits were obtained, says the R.A.F. communique, and more than 30 fires were started, one of them so big that it was visible 135 miles away.

BETTER FOOD FOR LIFEBOATS

Regulations improving the rations carried by lifeboats are to be issued shortly.

It will come, as a surprise to most people to know that although Nazi unrestricted submarine and air warfare often condemns merchant seamen to drift for days in lifeboats, the food supplies carried in the boats have remained unchanged since the original regulations were adopted many years ago. Demands for improvement were made to the Ministry of Shipping by the National Union of Seamen and the Merchant Officers' Federation.

Pump Needed

Under the new scale the present provision of water, condensed milk and biscuits will be replaced by biscuits, milk tablets, chocolate, pemmican and water. It will be obligatory to carry, airtight and rust-protected containers for the foods. Where space permits, provision of increased quantities of the

After the bombing attack, the British aircraft machine-gunned objectives in the harbour area and on the aerodrome at Mellaha.

The attack was carried out from a very low altitude.

During the same night, other aircraft bombed the enemy encampments in the Sollum and Bardia and Gambut regions.

Medium bombers attacked two enemy schooners and an escort vessel in the Gulf of Sirte. One schooner and the escort vessel were sunk. The other schooner was left apparently sinking.

R.A.F. fighters in the Mediterranean intercepted a number of German dive-bombers which attempted to attack British shipping and shot one down into the sea.

Photos show that an enemy merchant ship attacked by bombers at Tripoli on the night of August 21, has sunk. Positions in the Debarach region of Abyssinia were bombed on Sunday and bodies of troops were machine-gunned.

All aircraft returned safely from these operations.—Reuter.

specified foods is recommended, and also the carrying of nuts and dried fruits.

Another reform will be the supplying of a hand-pump to each lifeboat in a foreign-going ship. Formerly only a bucket and baler were furnished.

SUGAR SUPPLY RECORD

The U.S. Agriculture Department reported that the world now had more sugar than ever before and that as a consequence there was no danger of short supplies for this country, states the "Christian Science Monitor."

Reports on stocks and production this season show, the department said, that supplies available in areas which normally furnish this country total about 10,000,000 tons.

Consumption needs of the United States, however, are not expected to amount to more than 6,900,000 tons.

The department conceded that some difficulties could arise in transporting supplies from off-shore areas, particularly the Philippines and Hawaii because of a growing shortage of ocean shipping facilities. In that event, it said, surpluses in this country, not now permitted to be sold because of marketing quota restrictions, could be made available.

The department said that the world supply of sugar for the current season totalled 42,300,000 tons, the largest on record.

Prices Low

Contrary to the first world war when a severe shortage caused prices to skyrocket, sugar quotations in the western hemisphere exporting countries have declined to the relatively low level of 75 cents per 10 pounds for raw sugar at shipping points.

One of the factors contributing to the low price was said to be the continued inability of Great Britain, the largest buyer of sugar in the free world market in normal times, to take any considerable quantity from its usual foreign sources of supply, namely, Cuba and Peru, because of shipping difficulties.

Continental Europe, once a major market for western hemisphere sugar, was said to be continuing toward self-sufficiency in the production of sugar from beets.

DE GAULLE IN BEIRUT

General Charles de Gaulle arrived in Beirut for his first visit to French-mandated Lebanon and Syria since they were wrested from Vichy's hands by the Allied armies, including his own Free French forces. The visit is said to be without political significance, the general being here only to solicit the troops.

The Free French put on a show for the general and demonstrated what can be accomplished by a little brass. Many of the onlookers might have remained indifferent but for the Foreign Legion Bugle Corps, which, after a great flourish, produced the spirited strains of the "Marche de la Legion."

General de Gaulle, having spent the night at Haifa, Palestine, arrived at noon at Damour, on the southern approaches to Beirut, where Australian troops fought the fight that resulted in Beirut's fall. Many of these Australians, now encamped near Beirut, were present at the ceremonies and cheered the general.

At Damour General de Gaulle met Georges Catroux and both of them rode in an open car into Beirut, where they were joined by the Free French General Paul le Gentilhomme and Colonel Edgar Rene Marie de Laminat. General le Gentilhomme's arm was in a sling because of a wound suffered in the battle that preceded the taking of Damascus.

In the afternoon General de Gaulle, accompanied by General Catroux, received consular staffs and the heads of the various religious faiths in Lebanon. Later he called on the Lebanese Council President and other State officials.

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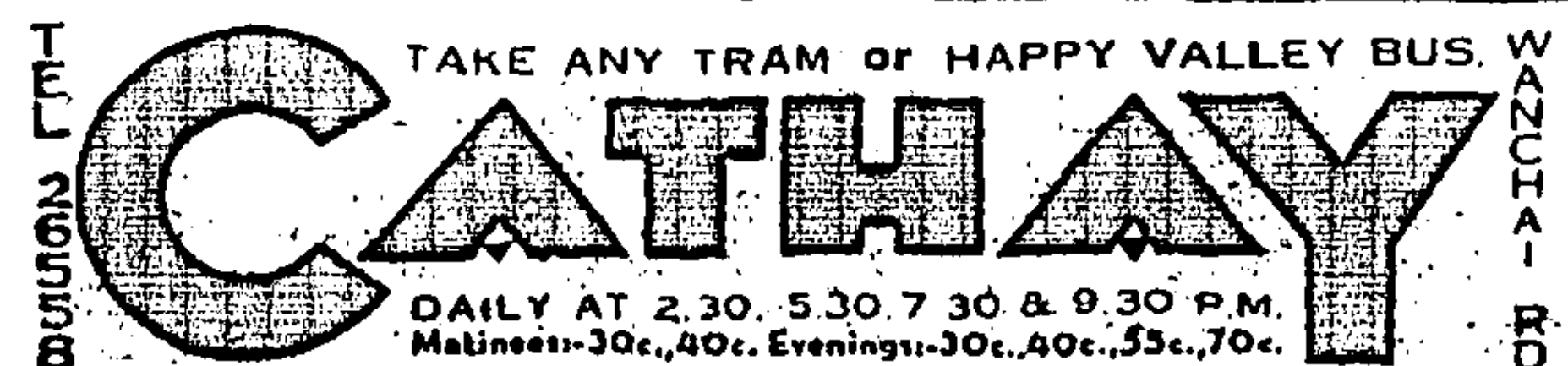
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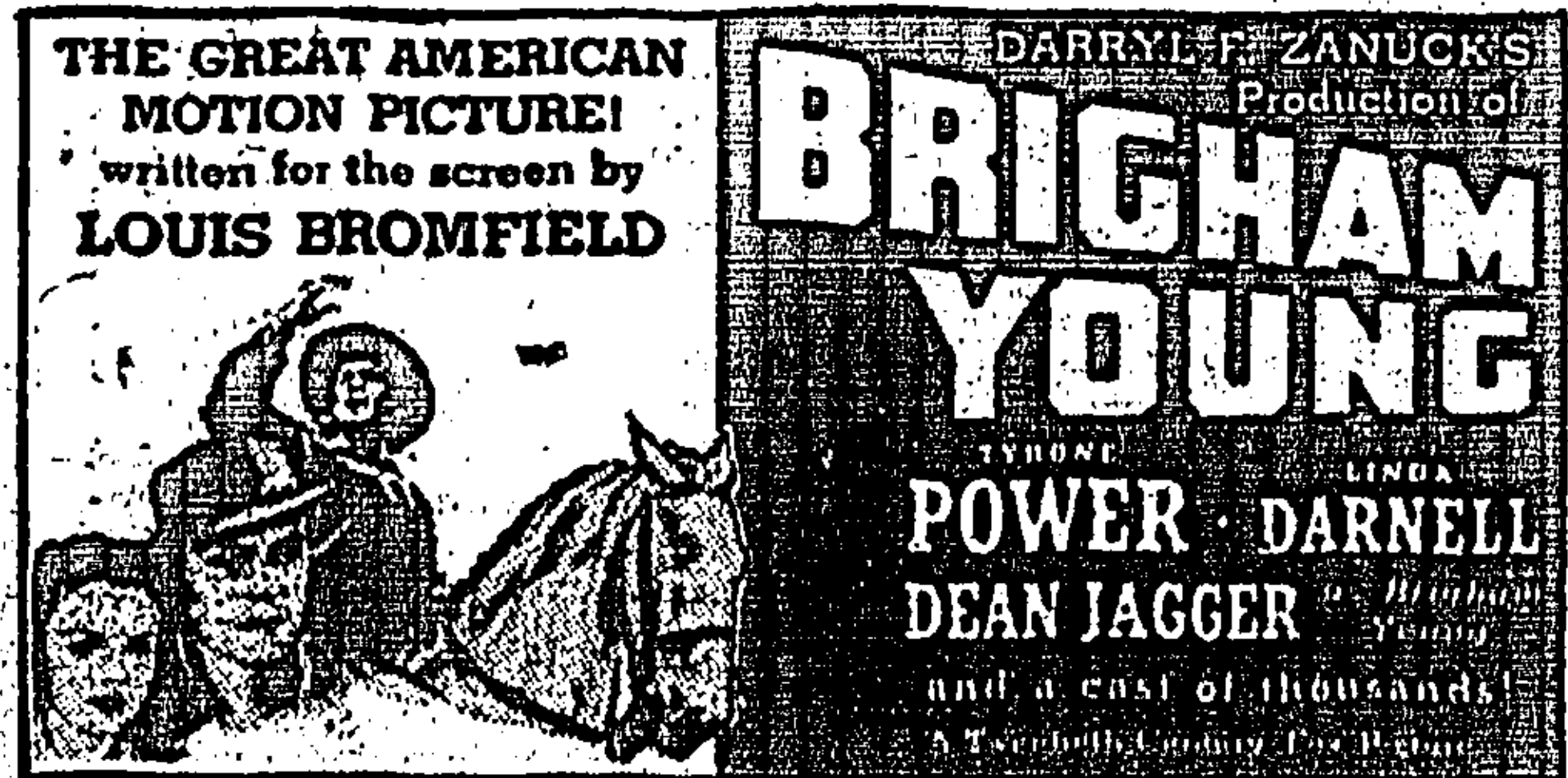
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HITLER'S STRATEGY IN EAST NO SECRET

HITLER'S STRATEGY in the East is no secret, involving as it does a drive through the Caucasus to Iran, through Afghanistan and then on to India, it is declared in London.

It is held that the Nazi preparations for the occupation of Iran were identical with those of all other countries earmarked for German "development."

It is known that at the German Legation in Teheran, the Iranian capital, there is installed the usual corps of so-called attaches and experts, who are intensely busy—this time with the sham industrialisation of an essentially agrarian country.

Iran was also the refuge of Raschid Ali following the ill-fated Iraqi revolt and although he has now left Iran, another dangerous personality, the Mufti of Jerusalem—that ace provocateur of Palestine strife—also travelled to Teheran and still finds sanctuary there.

Strategic Value

Iran was selected by Hitler as the country which would be of immense strategic value in preparing an advance into the rich Baku oil fields, and later his armies would benefit from the groundwork accomplished by resident Nazi Iranian representatives in any drive upon India.

This is the background on the Iran development. The fifteen million people of Iran live in an area three times the size of France in a country whose climate is arid or semi-arid, and whose mountain ranges and deserts forms its main defence.

Oil Temptation

Iran in the past has been conquered from the west and the south and in those days the invaders were not as desperate as are to-day Nazis for Iran's 60,000,000 barrels of oil which her wells produce annually. The development by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company of the country's oil resources has to-day made it the No. 3 oil producer of the world.

Although the Persians are doughty fighters, they have little to-day but their traditional courage with which to oppose any panzer drive.

"NEW EUROPE" MOVE REPORT

The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times" says that official German quarters characterise as "a fantasy" the forecast by Dr. Martin Fuchs that Hitler intends to proclaim a "United States of Europe" under German management.

The officials' claims that this does not correspond with German intentions.

(Dr. Fuchs, who at one time was head of the former Austria Government's Press Bureau, stated that Hitler planned this "All-European Federation" as a psychological manoeuvre to offset the swing of American opinion towards aid to Britain.)

FRITZ TOLD HE THINKS TOO MUCH

GERMAN UNITY IS NOT ALL THE NAZI BIG-SHOTS WOULD HAVE THE FREE WORLD BELIEVE.

Evidence of this was provided by a talk on the German radio. "Think only in terms of National Socialism," it exhorted the German people.

"The average German has a tendency to think too much of his own personality, and everywhere there are and always will be different political opinions. These lead to political discussions.

"For Germans," said the speaker, "there is only one stronghold and one safety, and that is National Socialism."

WANTS NEW AND BETTER M.P.S

New and better people will be needed in Parliament and in local government after the war, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, M.P., declared recently.

"We shall want some extraordinary people in this country and we are not growing them," said Mr. Lindsay.

"We shall want an entirely new type of local and municipal administrator, and new types of people to serve in local government."

"I am not at all certain that we shall not want an entirely different type of people in central government, for I cannot believe that the flower of my generation, at any rate, found himself before the war in Parliament."

ALL DONE BY MIRROR

A Buenos Aires surgeon has operated on himself for appendicitis, using a mirror and a local anaesthetic, says Paris radio.

SHE'S PTE. SMITH NOW

Volunteer Smith, of the A.T.S., is now to be known as Private Smith. If she shows herself to be a thoroughly trained and efficient "soldier," she is entitled to fourpence a day extra, the War Office announces.

Ranks are altered to correspond with those of the Army. A sub-leader, for instance, becomes a corporal, and there are three new appointments, warrant officer class 1, staff-sergeant and lance-sergeant.

Members are to be referred to as auxiliaries.

Army Rank Badges

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HERO IS CLEARED

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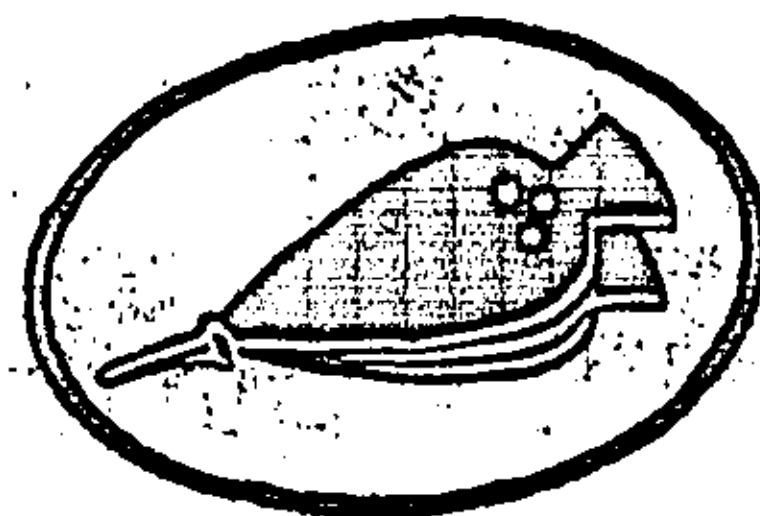
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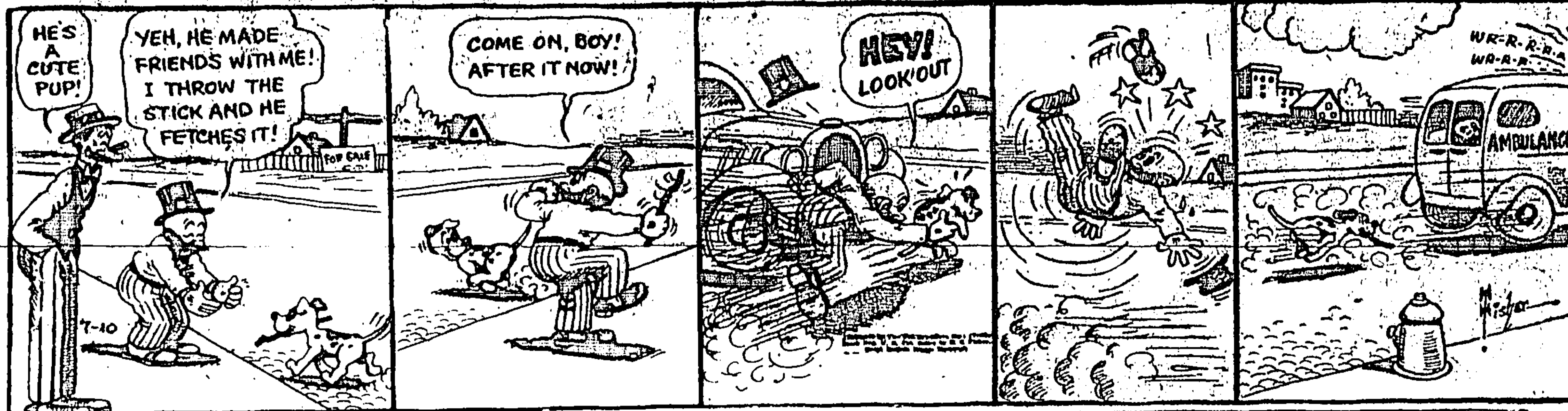


FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELLOWS

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MITT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



SHOT DURING MAN HUNT

Shot during the hunt for a man wearing the uniform of an Army officer, Miss Joan Sprittles, 20, of West View, New Bradwell, near Wolverton, Bucks, lies in Northampton Hospital with a bullet in the back.

She was a passenger in a car when a member of the Home Guard fired at the car, which had failed to stop.

The driver, Reginald Jackson, of Wood Street, New Bradwell, told the "Daily Mirror": "I saw no signal to stop, neither did I hear anybody shout."

"The first time I knew something was wrong was when the girl screamed, 'Someone's hit me in the back.'"

Jackson immediately stopped and rushed the girl to a doctor. Sitting in the rear of the car was another young woman.

Search was continued for the man in the uniform of an officer of a Scottish regiment who fired shots at a policeman near Blotchley, Bucks.

Home Guards and Regular soldiers are assisting the police in the search.

LEAVE FROM ICELAND

Officers and men who spent last winter in Iceland will, it is hoped, be given leave in Britain before next winter.

MIRACLE PAIR ARE BOTH BLIND

(By A London Reporter)

IF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD has any medals to distribute, one of the first should go to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Winter, of Rochford, Essex. They bottled fruit according to their own recipes last year without sugar, and it is still both good and sweet.

They make delicious scones from the crumbs of stale breakfast cereals (I know: I've tasted them). They have solved the milk problem by drinking only the milk from their own goats.

Their garden is a picture of plenty and, though it faces north, with cold winds blowing on it across the bleak Essex landscape, the fruit trees have survived the frost with a luscious crop on their laden branches.

In addition, there are lemon and grape fruit trees, a date palm, hazel nut and almond trees, all grown from pips and kernels.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter are both blind, and they live alone without any outside assistance.

Mrs. Winter, a cheery, bustling housewife of 53, has been totally blind since the age of nine. Mr. Winter, a registered blind man of 76, lost his sight after the age of 50, since when he has been more than 70 per cent. blind.

I walked up the path fringed by the nut trees and date palm and knocked at the door of the

bungalow. Mrs. Winter, radiating good cheer, ushered me through the shining bungalow, apologising for the fact that she was "still spring cleaning," through the kitchen, where pots were bubbling on the stove.

In the garden we found Mr. Winter, who looks a very fit man of not more than 60. He showed me his goats and his chickens, his garden, and the loggia he has built on the back of his bungalow.

Just beyond is the summer-house which Mr. Winter built and where they have their meals. A couple of blackbirds, apparently infected by the general atmosphere of friendliness, peeped out from a nest inside, just against our head, with some curiosity but no fear.

Cake Champion

There was no end to the examples of Mr. Winter's handiwork—home-made "refrigerator" and safe, kitchen table top and copper top.

As for Mrs. Winter's cooking I can testify. Lest you think me prejudiced, there is a certificate to point the fact that she won second prize in an open cake-making competition. The judges were staggered when they discovered that the prize-winner was blind.

I watched her slip through doorways, up steps, take something from a drawer, put things in their place on a shelf, take food from the oven, give another stir to the pot on the stove—and never make a mistake.

"The education of blind people is often wrong," she told me. "They shouldn't be educated with furniture and other objects specially constructed to assist them. That makes it far more difficult for them in after life."

"CAREFUL WATCH" ON BRITONS GONE ABROAD

British subjects between the ages of 18 and 41, who have left Great Britain since the war by means of exit permits, are still liable to service.

The Foreign Secretary making this clear in the House of Commons recently, added that careful watch is being kept on such cases.

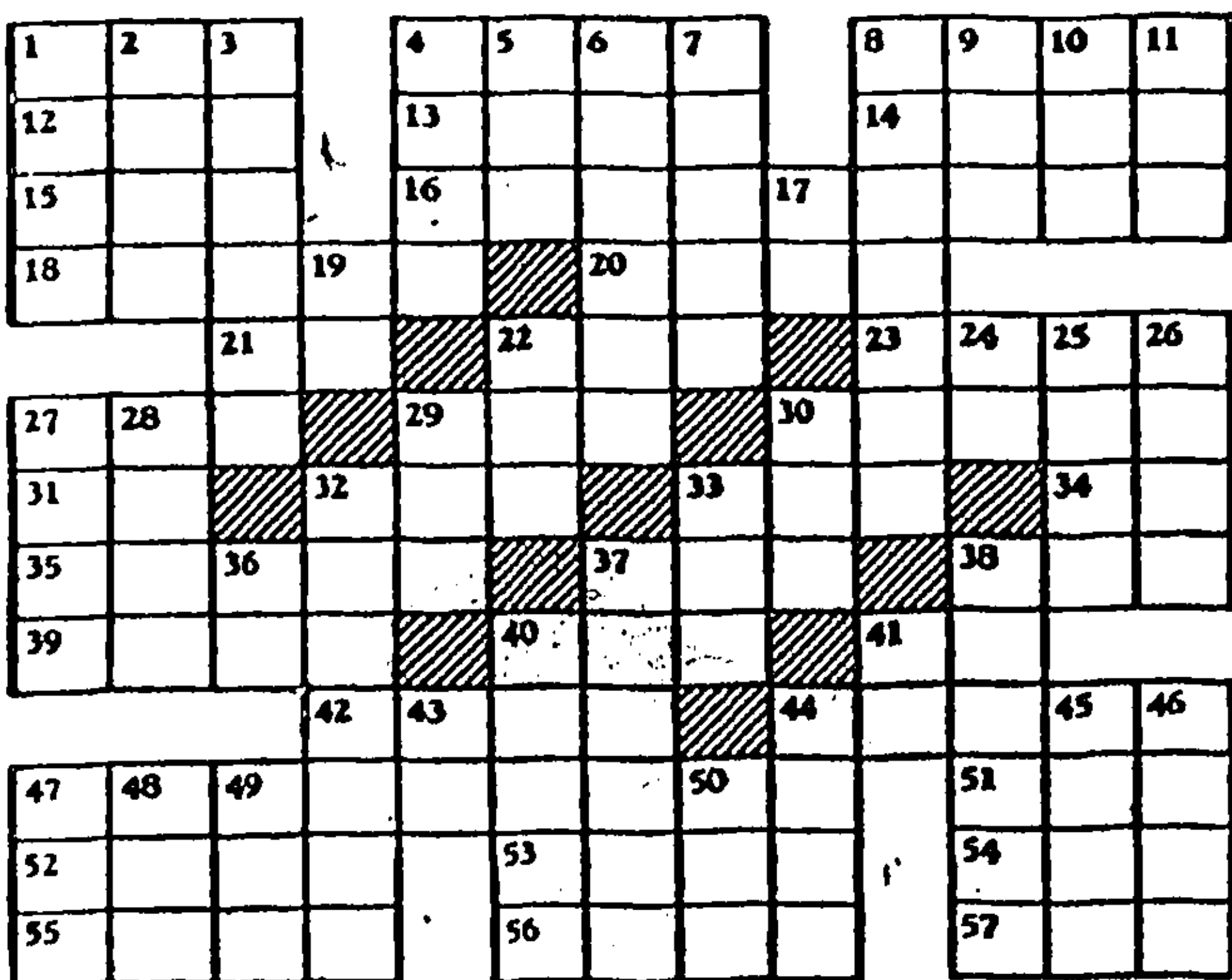
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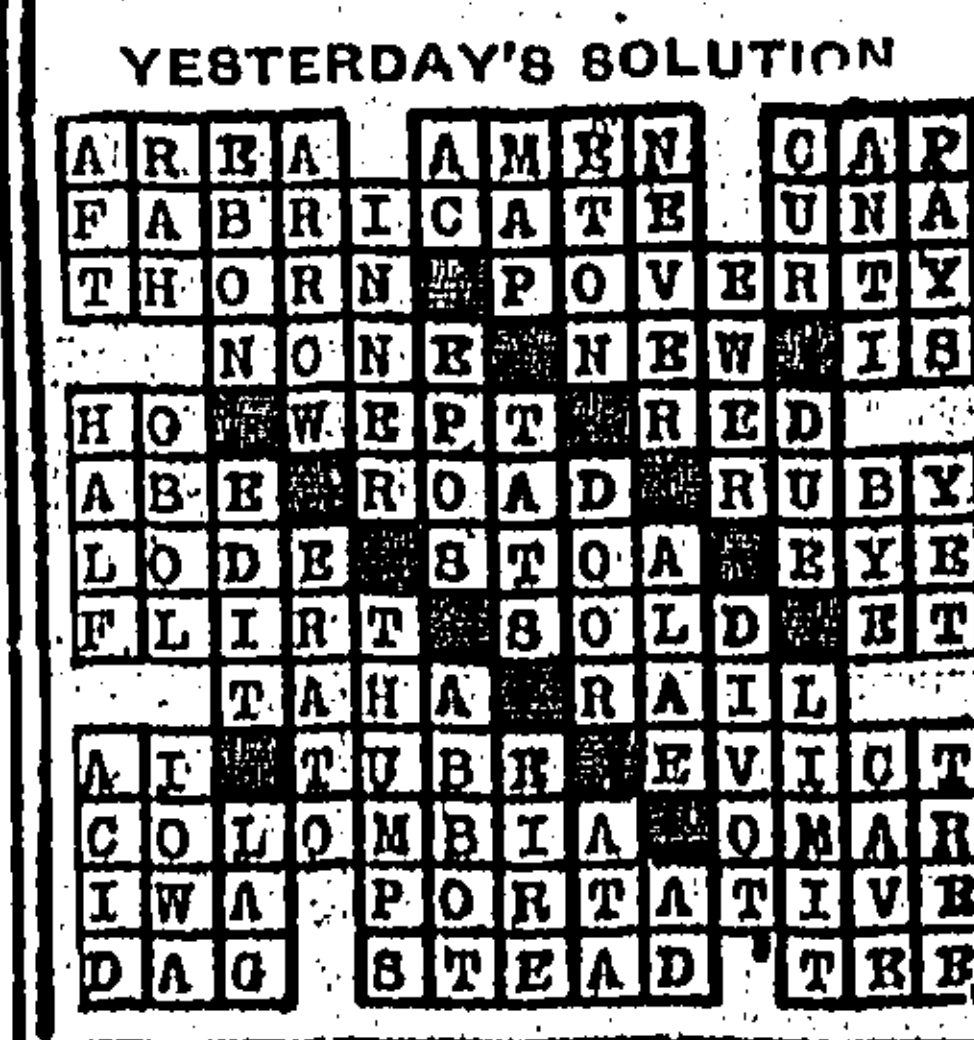
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37 Evil
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41 Because
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57 Sheep

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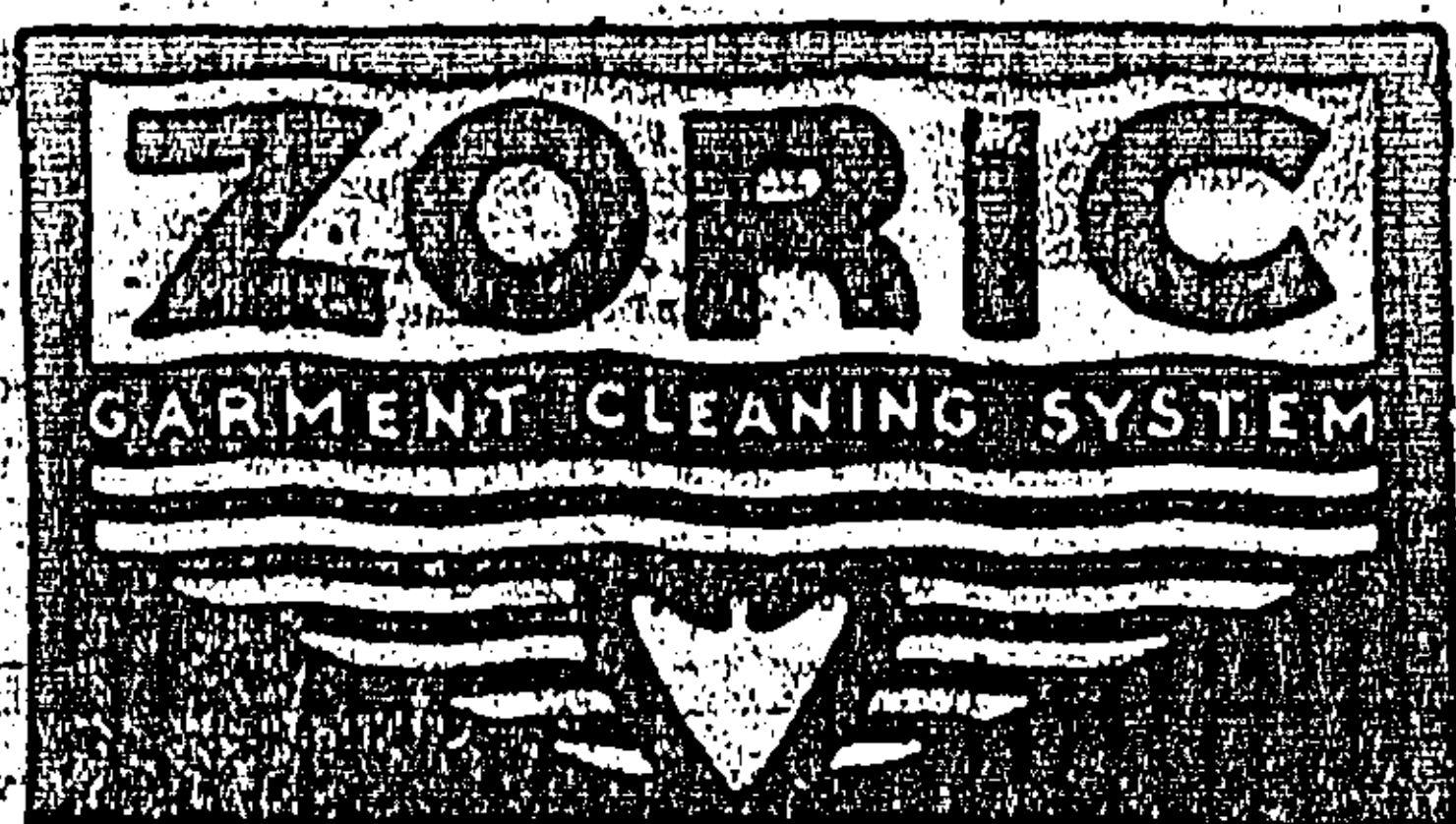
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DENTZ WAS AN ACTIVE NAZI AGENT

(By Russell Hill)

GEN. HENRI FERNAND DENTZ, until July 16 French High Commissioner for the mandated territory of Syria and Lebanon, has been a willing and active agent of Nazi Germany. This is evident now in the light of information about his activities during the last few months gained by this correspondent from diplomatic circles at Beirut.

This husky, curt-mannered Alsatian general, who kept repeating a desire to defend France's honour, appears, on the basis of these reports, to have been the No. 1 Fifth Columnist in the French Levant.

He took his order from two sources Admiral Jean Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier - and not from Chief of State Marshal Henri Petain - and the German armistice commission. Dentz maintained the closest relations with Darlan.

Dentz not only obeyed orders but willingly cooperated in the Nazis' attempts to block Great Britain on every possible occasion, as these diplomatic reports show. Events of the days just preceding the cessation of Syrian hostilities showed how Dentz worked. While he was asking the British - through Cornelius Van H. Engert, American Consul General at Beirut - for armistice terms, he was doing all he possibly could to diminish the value to the British of any agreement that might be reached.

Block-Ships

Dentz knew that any armistice terms would include a demand that all ships in Syrian ports be handed over intact to the British. On the same day that he requested armistice proposals he sank three British ships lying in Beirut harbour. His idea was not only to destroy the vessels but, by sinking them, to block the harbour, though the latter purpose failed of accomplishment.

At the same time, two French destroyers and eight or ten merchant vessels left Beirut and sailed for the Turkish port of Alexandretta, where they would be interned, thus preventing their falling into British hands.

Dentz knew that the British, in their armistice terms, would demand that French military aeroplanes be surrendered. These planes were, almost without exception, flown from their Syrian bases and now are in Axis-controlled countries.

While the representatives sent by Dentz to Acre, Palestine, were negotiating for the armistice in Syria he gave orders to rush the transportation of Lebanese silk and other products, which were stored at Aleppo, across Turkey on the way to Germany. This silk is preferred by the Germans to that from Japan for making parachutes.

Telltale Documents Burned

These valuable days were put to other good Vichy uses as well. For example, it gave time to burn many incriminating documents which would have given the British information regarding Nazi activities in Syria.

Dentz first asked the British for terms of an armistice three weeks before an agreement finally was reached. Informed of the British terms, he continued fighting meanwhile, and did not inform the American Consul General, Engert, who was representing the interests of the British in arranging for armistice discussions, that he had decided to have British officers taken prisoners in Syria flown to France.

This became known, however, and a number of French officers corresponding to that of the British are being held until the latter are returned.

The most flagrant complicity shown by Dentz probably was his cooperation with the Nazis in their endeavours to infiltrate into key positions in Syria and to establish an elaborate spy system - a system extremely difficult to destroy.

The Nazis were allowed to establish consulates with large staffs in the smallest towns in Syria, although it was obvious what their true function was.

"For The King Of Prussia"

Naturally, these men had to leave before the British took over in Syria but they were able to establish their organisation. They left funds behind so that it will be able to continue to function. Their agents, I have learned, are receiving even now from 700 to 800 Syrian pounds (about \$400) monthly.

Dentz had defended the territory with Lebanese troops in the front line. The League of Nations in establishing a mandate prohibits the mandatory power, in this case France, from conscripting natives to fight the governing power's wars. Dentz, however, prevailed upon the President of Lebanon to make a written request that he (Dentz) defend Lebanon against the foreign invader, meaning the British. For this purpose the services of the Lebanese troops were offered Dentz.

These troops were fighting for the same cause as the French soldier who, asked why he risked his life, answered: "Nous mourons pour le roi de Prusse (We are dying for the King of Prussia)."

U.S. 'ADOPT' HOSPITALS

American "Bundles for Britain" organisation, which has over 1,000 branches in the United States, has "adopted" hospitals in London, Plymouth, Birmingham and Bristol.

BOYCOTT OF B.B.C. AND M. OF I. THREAT

THREATS THAT THE Labour Party would cease to cooperate with the Ministry of Information and the B.B.C. were made at the Party conference in London.

After delegates had expressed severe criticism of our propaganda, Mr. Harold Laski, of the National Executive, said:

"Unless we can get more satisfaction than we have received and put this whole situation upon the basis on which it ought to have existed long ago, the possibility of our continuing to cooperate will no longer exist so far as this party is concerned."

Our propaganda to people in occupied territories was likely to become "propaganda for proper peace."

Mr. Thomas Scullion (Glasgow) said that many British broadcasters spoke as if they were re-productions of Lord Haw-Haw with the addition of the old school tie. "The subject is neither of importance or, if it is, he does not understand it."

"This Bogus Ministry"

"I am not going to cooperate in this bogus Ministry of Information. Tory propaganda machine," added Mr. Scullion, referring to the area committee.

JUDAS AND FRIEND

"You can't always judge people by their looks."

"Judas may have been quite good looking and judging by his photographs Admiral Darlan is quite a charming man." — Mr. St. John Hutchinson K.C. at London Sessions.

SAVED FROM NAZI CAMPS, STILL AFRAID

Are we going to sleep in real beds? Mustn't I share my bread with anyone? Will no one take it from me?

Those are some of the questions children ask when they step from German concentration camps after two years to what they believe is paradise, the peace of neutral Portugal.

They are questions 111 of them asked on arrival in Lisbon from Central European camps.

Mrs. Felix Frankl, whose Greek husband represents the Quakers who gathered the children together at Marseilles, told a Lisbon correspondent:

"For days most of them sat in corners so silent that it is frightening. Others cry quietly all the time."

"Older ones say to me, Everything is finished in the world. Life is finished."

"When I try to explain to them: 'But I am older than you and I know that life will come back again to the world', they look at me as if I were mad.' The children will leave for the United States soon."

"The food problem is being tackled by the Government from the wrong end," declared Mrs. Ayrton Gould, member of the National Executive.

"It is being dealt with almost entirely by traders' interests and not from the angle of the consumer."

She said it was no use controlling food prices.

"The moment an article is controlled it goes off the market," she added.

"Onions were running up to some incredible price like 2s. a pound. They were controlled to 4/6d."

"They disappeared apparently off the face of the earth. But they have not gone off the face of the earth. They were in market warehouses."

"You cannot buy eggs in the towns, yet they were being sold in the markets in country districts, where you could get six dozen at a time."



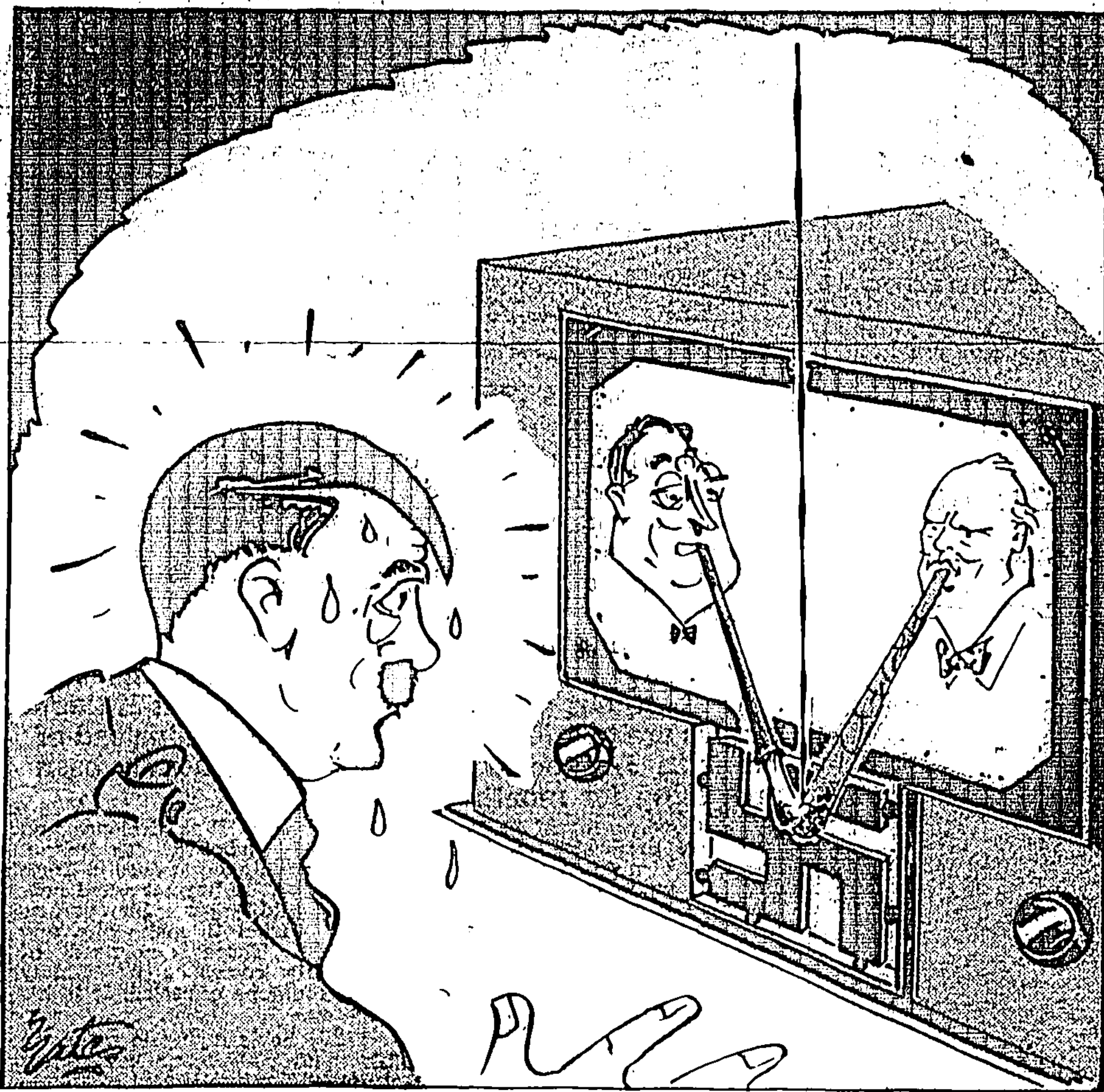
NO BUSINESS WITH HITLER

When a publisher advertises a book or an author hints that something he has written is very good, indeed, no one thinks it odd. When seven private citizens who don't know the author and have no connection with the publisher spend their own private money to advertise a book, people may wonder why. The book in this instance is "You Can't Do Business with Hitler," the author Douglas Miller, formerly American commercial attache in Berlin. The private citizens are Raymond Clapper, John Kieran, Albert D. Lasker, Mrs. Dwight L. Morrow, Carl Van Doren, Matthew Woll and Wendell L. Willkie.

The why of this paid public statement by seven private citizens is that Mr. Miller has condensed into some forty-odd thousand words an authoritative explanation of what Nazism is, what it has done in Germany, what it is doing and plans to do in Europe, and what it can do in the western hemisphere if it is victorious elsewhere.

Americans can't do business with Hitler because Nazism makes no pretence of keeping treaties; because it is so organised and its followers so trained that it cannot make and keep peace; because its racial theories require that all nations outside of Germany shall be slave nations; because it does not scruple to depopulate countries in order to control them; because if successful in Europe it will immediately inspire Nazi revolutions in Latin America to make that region hostile to America; because it will then try to isolate and cheat America, sabotage her industries, choke her trade, and either starve them out or dictate their economic, political and social life.

The United States will either see that Hitler is beaten or Hitler will see that country is enslaved or ruined. We hope those who loathe the war and cherish national isolation will read the statement and the book. There will be plenty of war for Americans if they let Hitler win in Europe, and there will be precious little isolation if they have to fight him on their own side of the Atlantic.



Japan Volcano

Wherever the Nazi Fifth Column has achieved success (in Rumania, Norway or France), there have been political malcontents, economic unrest and internal disunity. These are the factors the Fifth Column exploits to gain control of governments.

And so it is in Japan. Japan has had at least four rightist revolutionary plots in the past decade. There was the May 15 affair of 1932, followed by the Kinkijiken, or Brocade Flag incident in 1933, the details of which are buried in darkest secrecy, for it involved a plot by "young officers" of the 3rd Regiment at Roppongi, Tokyo, to overthrow the Emperor and place Prince Chichibu on the Throne.

Then came the well-known February 26 military uprising of 1936, and the less well-known plot of July, 1940.

The Nazis have not failed to take advantage of these politico-military upheavals. Last summer, the Nazi Fifth Column attempted direct, if somewhat premature, action.

For six months the moderate Yonai Cabinet had constantly opposed the conclusion of a Japanese-German military alliance and the renovation of the Japanese political structure along totalitarian lines.

In May and June last year the Germans began to move. Gen. Ott, the German Ambassador, and other Nazi Fifth Columnists addressed crowds at public rallies, haranguing them on the benefits of political reformation after the German model.

Shoved Konoye In As Premier

Behind the scenes contact men and go-betweens were working feverishly to encourage the totalitarian movement and the Axis alliance. Patriotic societies, largely financed by German funds, were in a frenzy of rage with the "obstructionist" tactics of the government.

Supported by the German Ambassador, two ex-War Ministers, Gen. Juichi Terauchi (who had officially represented the Japanese army before a Nazi convention at Nuremberg in September, 1939) and Gen. Sugiyama, cajoled and threatened Prince Fumimaro Konoye until he agreed to head the reformist movement.

But still the determined Yonai Cabinet blocked every move. It was then, in the first days of July, that direct action was attempted. A group of obscure political fanatics, instigated by Army Fascist cliques working with the Nazi Fifth Column, attempted to assassinate the re-tractable members of the Cab-

net and practically the entire Privy Council.

Hata Forces The Issue

Through the vigilance of the Metropolitan Police (not the Kempeitai), a score of armed "gorotsuki" were arrested, mostly hiding in the gardens of their would-be victims.

If this wholesale murder of leading moderate advisers to the Throne had succeeded, it would have been the signal for a military coup d'etat and the establishment of a military dictatorship.

Although the plot misfired, the Yonai Cabinet was sabotaged by Gen. Shunroku Hata, War Minis-

By Charles N. Spinks

ter, a staunch champion of the Nazi alliance and the new political structure, who resigned and refused to name a successor. Cabinets in Japan cannot exist without War and Navy Ministers from the active list. Premier Mitsumasa Yonai (a Navy man), had no choice but to resign.

No. 1 Stooze Out

The Cabinet of Prince Konoye which followed launched the totalitarian movement and concluded the alliance with Germany.

By July 16, 1941, just one year later, this Cabinet had reached another of those periodic impasses. The totalitarian movement has bogged down. Japan has still failed to profit by the desperate union with Germany and now faces a new crisis over the Soviet-German war.

In order to get rid of Foreign Minister Matsuoka, who had negotiated conflicting agreements with Germany and Russia, the Cabinet resigned, the cards were reshuffled and Matsuoka is out, along with Toshio Shiratori, Gen. Ott's No. 1 stooze. It is too early to determine whether this is just a political move or whether this may be the first step to free Japan from German domination.

Regardless of the present Cabinet change, the Japanese Army and its Fascist supporters realise their desperate position. Unless the army can recoup its fortunes by a southern gamble or by a successful campaign in Siberia, it will lose face and political power.

The Germans are also desperate. American aid to Britain must be deflected by a Japanese-American war in the Pacific. Germany needs the Japanese Fleet and the vital war materials of Eastern Asia which

Japan must secure for her. What the Japanese will get from this deal remains a mystery, but the militarists are prepared to plunge Japan into a disastrous war rather than relinquish the power they have seized.

In more ways than one, the Germans are gambling against time, for thus far only a very few Japanese realise the danger the Fifth Column presents to Japan. In this connection, it must be borne in mind that not only the people at large, but also the majority of Government officials, even in the Home Office, have no inkling that a Nazi Fifth Column functions in their country.

If The Story Gets Out

This is due to the peculiar constitution of Japanese bureaucracy which is divided into water-tight compartments wherein one group of officials has no idea what another is doing. Through the use of Japanese go-betweens and key officials, who naturally do not disclose their connections, the Nazis are able to influence internal policies without risk of exposure.

Nevertheless, the Germans are well aware that trouble lies ahead if the Japanese people ever learn the full story.

There are many Japanese who have not yet been convinced that the Germans are their true friends. They cannot overlook the racial arrogance of the Teuton, the insulting references to Asiatics—including the Japanese—found in Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and other pan-Aryan German writings.

The latent forces of anti-for-eignism in Japan which the Nazis and Japanese militarists have stimulated and directed into an anti-British and more recently an anti-American hatred have acted as a safety-valve for the Japanese people's sense of frustration from an unsuccessful war in China.

Indications Of A Reversal

But there are few British and Americans left in Japan to-day. If conditions continue to deteriorate and if the position of Japan becomes more precarious (even barring war with the democracies), the Japanese people will turn against the only remaining foreign influence in Japan—Gen. Ott and his army of Fifth Columnists.

Already there are straws in the wind. A few months ago the wife of a German Embassy official was severely beaten on a train by a Japanese fellow traveler. There have been other attacks on Germans and Italians.

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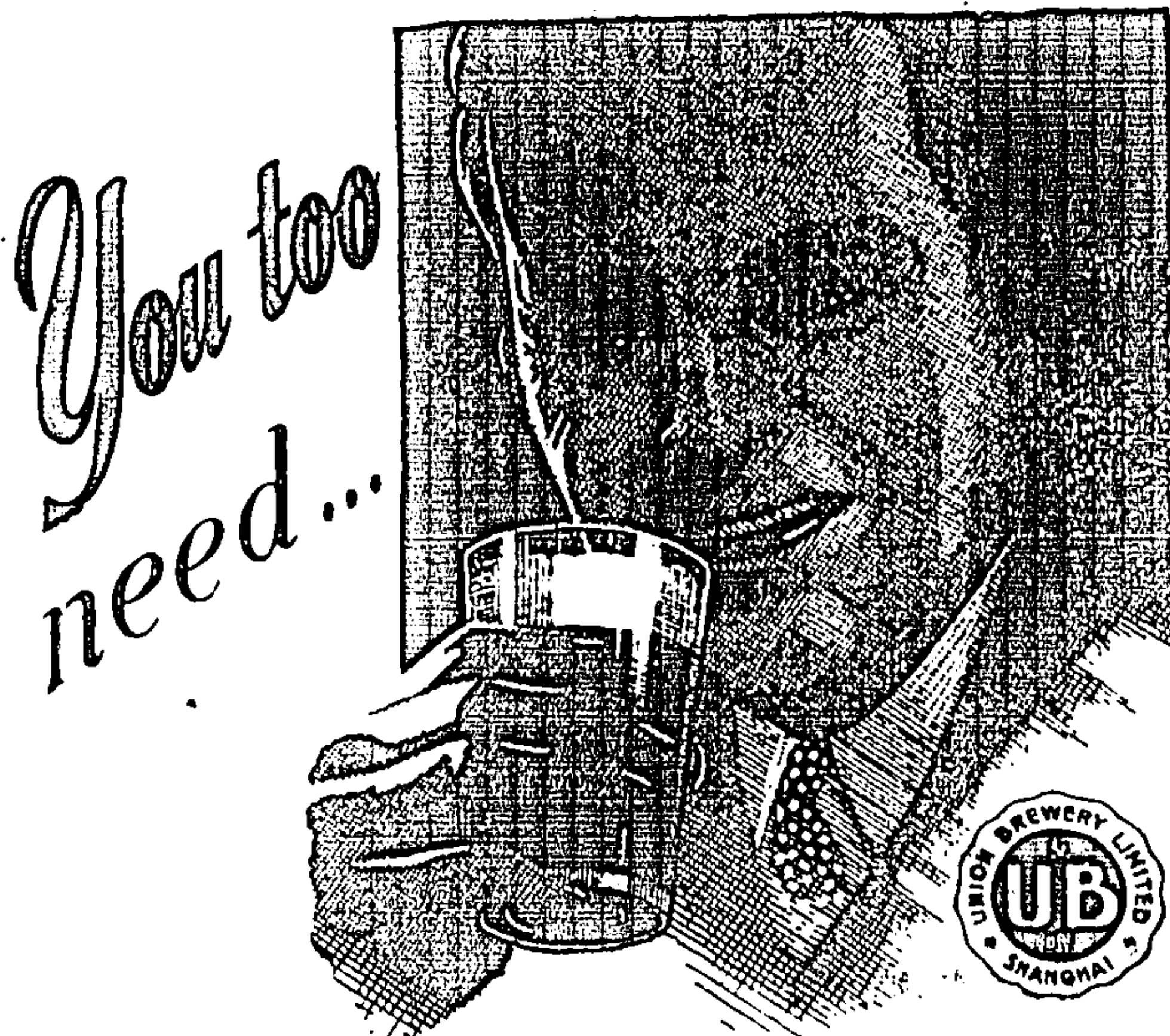


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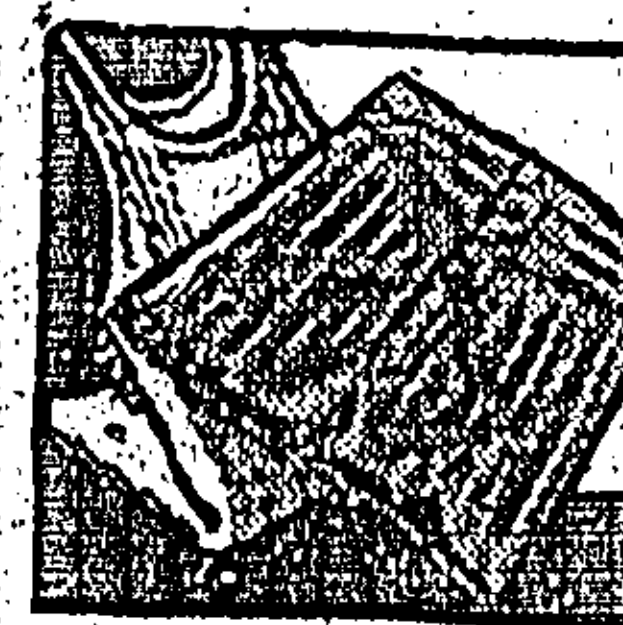
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IS WEYGAND PLANNING TO FIGHT?

UNREST IS VISIBLE in France, the De Gaulle cause is increasing in popularity in France proper and in all French colonies, and Gen. Maxim Weygand has been impressed enough by recent changes in German prospects to summon all his aides and counsellors in Africa for a review of the entire world situation, according to information received in official quarters in Washington.

This change in the French situation is attributed to the supine Vichy surrender of Indo-China to Japan without a fight and to the fact that Hitler's armies are tangled in the midst of Russia instead of being in London as Germans had generally been predicting for months.

The Government of Vichy was of course predicated on the expectation of a quick German victory. It based its policy on that expectation from the beginning and it always defended itself within France with the argument that the Allied cause was hopeless.

Allied Cause Brighter

But the Allied cause looks brighter to-day than at any time since the Germans broke through the French defences at Sedan.

Britain has had two months of respite in which to catch up on lost sleep, increase its aircraft reserves, bring supplies in from the Atlantic.

The United States has gained two months which may prove to have been the most important two months in current history. At the beginning of the two month period most of the new airplane and tank factories were beginning to fill with idle machinery. To-day they are filled with men, the machinery is humming, and new, superior models of planes and tanks are rolling.

If Germany had attacked Britain this summer the new American arms plants would have been worthless. The issues would have been decided without them. But no military issue in the future will be unaffected by the arms from American plants which have come into production during the past two months.

All of these considerations have had a powerful impact in France and on Frenchmen throughout the world. With the men of Vichy losing in prestige daily the freer Frenchmen of North Africa are reported to be debating whether the time has come to cut the strands with Vichy.

There are two main obstacles. They know that if they do it will bring German armies into the unoccupied area of France. Also General Weygand himself finds it extremely difficult to face co-operation with General de Gaulle.

For these two reasons no one in Washington seriously expects General Weygand to take the initiative at this moment in denouncing the German armistice and resuming the war. But every German tank and every German airplane lost in Russia makes the Weygand forces in North Africa just that much more potentially powerful.

THE TIME MAY COME. IN FACT MAY HAVE ALREADY COME, WHEN A JOINT ATTACK ON LIBYA FROM THE BRITISH IN EGYPT AND THE FRENCH IN TUNIS AND ALGIERS MIGHT CRUSH THE ITALIAN AND GERMAN FORCES BETWEEN

Washington Watches Closely

If General Weygand is ever to take his chance this may be the right time for it. At least there is enough weight behind this thought among Frenchmen to have caused a complete reassessment of the whole situation in North Africa. General Weygand called in all his economic, political and military subordinates for a general conference.

Washington watches with intense interest. If General Weygand should decide to make the experiment and take his great gamble he can be assured at once of supplies of oil and gasoline for his motor units. Dozens of tankers could be diverted at once to Casablanca and Dakar. He could

also be sure that airplanes and tanks now labelled for Britain would be shipped at once to those same ports. He has not asked how much would be given him, and no one has tried to make him any promises. There is no need of that. He knows approximately what could be expected. It is his decision.

While he is trying to make up his mind Washington holds back on extending the benefit of "lend-lease" materials to the forces of General de Gaulle. There is heavy pressure for this step, but it could have an extremely adverse effect on the deliberations in North Africa which might turn to the Allied advantage. It is considered a question not of probability, but only of an admittedly remote possibility. But as long as it remains even a possibility Washington is determined to close no opportunities for General Weygand.

"PUT DARLAN TO FLIGHT"

"We need to start a revolution in France and force Darlan to fly to his spiritual home in Germany," declared Commander Stephen King-Hall, M.P. and publicist.

Speaking of our broadcasts to France, he recalled that Parliament was told the French were being invited to "manifest their extreme disapproval" of Vichy.

"That," he said, "is not enough. For lack of a sustained, well thought out, and ruthless attack on the minds of our enemies, an attack which would bring comfort and hope to the minds of our friends now oppressed in the occupied territories and encourage them to resist the Nazis, we are needlessly delaying final victory."

King-Hall, who was speaking in his constituency at Ormskirk, Lancs., spoke of the Hess affair, and added:

"From the propaganda point of view, Hess was a great big unexploded bomb sitting in every German brain."

"But we've de-fused him and made him into a dud. He's no longer news either here or in Germany."

R. A. F. ACES MISSING

Squadron-Leader J. H. Mungo Park, D.F.C., and Wing-Commander J. R. Kayll, D.F.C., D.S.C., veterans of the Battle of Britain and leaders of the air sweeps over France, are missing.

Squadron-Leader Mungo Park has destroyed more than 20 enemy planes. He is only 22.

When last seen he was fighting a number of Messerschmitts. A colleague called to him by radio-telephone: "Want any help?" and received the reply: "I'll deal with this lot. You carry on."

It is thought that he was not shot down by a plane, but by the ground defence, and that he may have been able to bale out.

THE FLOOR WILL BE DIRTY

"We shall wipe the floor with the Germans."

The Belgian Ambassador said that in London to the American Ambassador to the Governments allied with Britain.

END OF BISMARCK --BY THE NAVY

The end of the Bismarck—her guns shot out of her and "drooping like a smoking, lurching, black ruin, a thin trickle of men already jumping to safety over her side—was told by an officer and a gunner who took part in the battle.

"She was like a dog that had been run over. Someone had to finish her off," said one. Here are some of the points from their stories:—

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Tovey, saw the Bismarck first. He put on his tin hat — and out poured a little cascade of water all over him. He just grinned, undisturbed by that or any other incident of this five-day chase.

I actually saw the Rodney's shells flying through the air for some seconds after they left the guns, like little diminishing foot-balls curving up and up into the sky.

The Admiral kept saying: "Close the range, get closer — I can't see enough hits." So we closed the range.

Merciless Mail

The Bismarck, with a fire on the fore-castle which seemed to envelop the upper turret, turned away, then back, under the most merciless hail of high explosive armour-piercing shells any ship has ever faced. There was no escape — our fellows just went on pumping it out.

After twenty minutes some of her secondary armament and two of the great turrets were still firing. Racing across her quarterdeck were little human figures—a little steady trickle of them jumping into the sea.

One fierce flame shot up as high as the Bismarck's spotting top—every man there must have been incinerated.

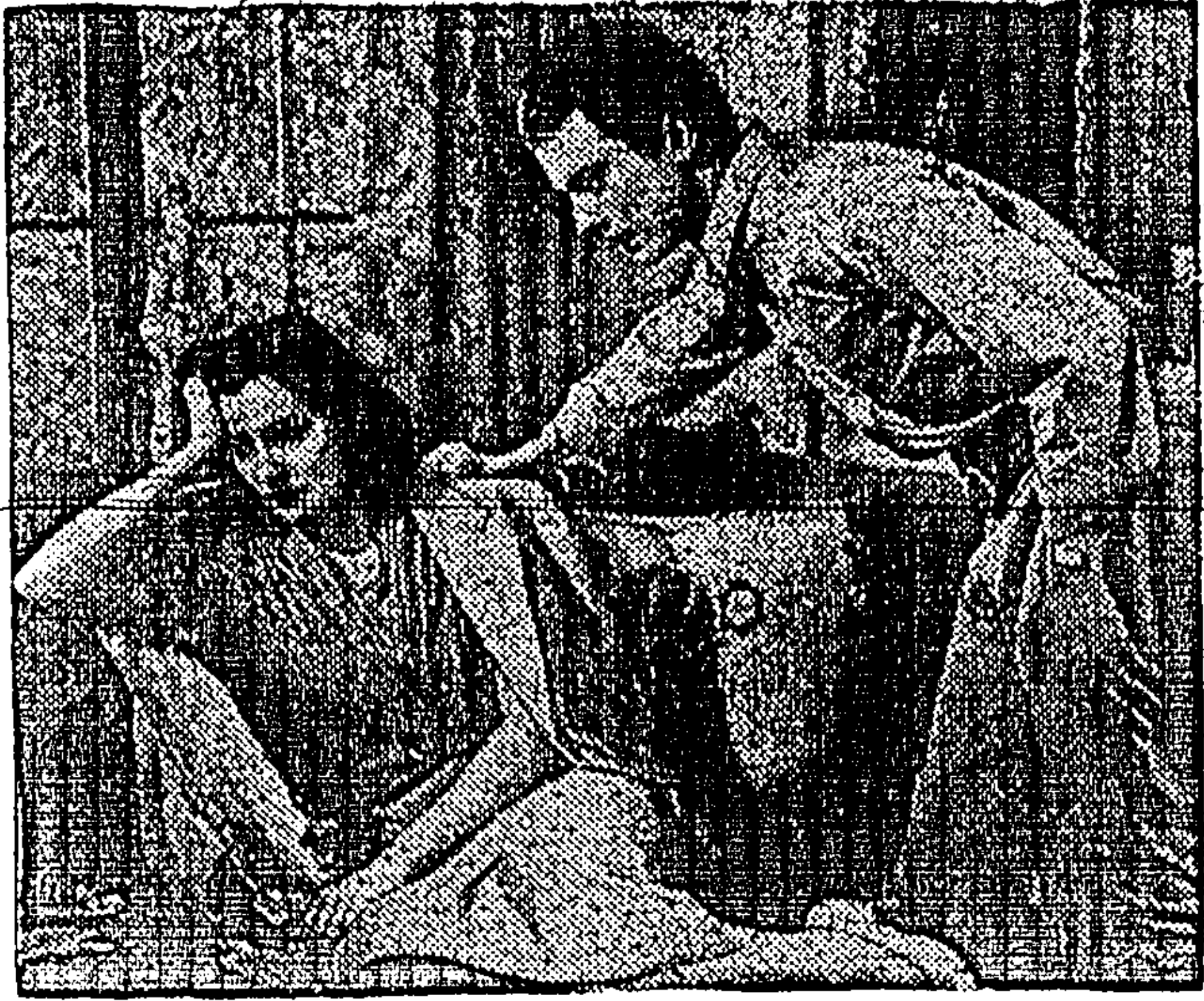
Well, we just shot the guns out of her and left a smoking, lurching black ruin. Only her slow wallowing speed seemed still to give her life, and those little jumping figures at the stern.

SUB SINKS TRAWLER

While returning from a fishing trip off Cape Blanco, on the West African coast, a Portuguese trawler from Lisbon was fired on by an unidentified submarine and sank. Two of the crew were killed.—Reuter.

THEY'D NEVER SEEN A COW!

Cows shown in New York Zoo, so that city children shall know what they look like, attracted crowds, says Columbia radio.



Lovely as a jungle orchid, yet deadly as a tiger, is the kind of a woman Brenda Marshall portrays in Warner Brothers' "Singapore Woman," now showing at the Queen's. She is shown above in a scene from the film with David Bruce, who is co-starred with her.

RED ARMY GROUP IN WASHINGTON

AFTER CONFERRING in London only two days before, with United States Ambassador John G. Winant and with Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, two high Soviet military officers, Lieut. Gen. Philip Golikoff and Engineer General Alexander Repin arrived at Washington National Airport at noon.

At 2 o'clock they were received by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, and at 2.30 by General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army.

GIRL STRANGLED, WAS TO WED

Elizabeth Mackenzie, 21, woke up feeling that the world was a wonderful place.

She had been given a fortnight's holiday with pay by the West End store which employed her.

But what thrilled her most was that soon she would be marrying her sweetheart, Lance-Corporal Rene Arnaud, of the Free French Forces.

Excitedly she contemplated the busy week of preparation that lay before her.

That was on Friday.

On Saturday evening members of her family, bursting open a locked basement door in their house in Stanhope Street, London, N.W., found Elizabeth's body stretched on the floor beneath the window. She had been strangled.

Half an hour earlier they had found her father, Arthur John Mackenzie, 50, Government inspector of equipment, gassed in his wife's bedroom upstairs.

"We were puzzled when Elizabeth didn't come home on Friday night," her sister Bridget, 16, told the "Daily Mirror." But we assumed she had spent the night at Rene's home.

"Father seemed queer about it. But though we knew he didn't like the idea of her marrying at all—let alone a Frenchman—we never suspected anything was wrong."

"On Saturday father stayed in bed all day. Mother and I came home in the evening to find him gassed."

"We were just recovering from that shock when Rene came asking for Elizabeth."

"He told us she had not turned up on Friday night."

"We searched the house. My brother Arthur found the door of the basement room, which we never used, was locked. He burst it open, and there was Elizabeth. The police told us she had been dead many hours."

An inquest will be held by the St. Pancras coroner.

Mr. Welles, announcing the expected arrivals characterised them as heads of a Soviet military mission, and said the purpose of their visit to the U.S. would be to co-ordinate Russian orders for military supplies. Presumably during their conferences in London, with heads of the British War Office, an agreement was reached as to what quantity and character of military supplies now going to Britain could best be spared to meet Soviet needs.

Cash Basis Is Indicated

Presumably the Soviet will pay cash for all military supplies purchased in the U.S. Mr. Welles, when asked if the shipments to the Soviet would be made under the lease-lend act, replied:

"The application of the lease-lend act in this connection has not been discussed, nor is it even under contemplation."

He declined to state what supplies the Soviet would seek to purchase, saying that since Russia was at war such information was, naturally, a military secret.

Flying down from New York with the two generals was the Soviet Ambassador, Constantine A. Oumansky. The visiting Soviet generals spent the night in Montreal, after a crossing by plane direct from England.

Hopkins In Parleys

Russia now has fallen within the scope of the United States policy of supplying war materials to the Allies "wherever democracies are fighting Hitler," informed quarters declared in London, and Russia's needs have been outlined from Washington.

Harry L. Hopkins will accompany W. Averell Harriman to Washington to assist fulfillment of the increasing Allied demands, it was said.

Mr. Hopkins on a special mission for President Roosevelt, has been studying these needs in collaboration with Mr. Harriman, who has been stationed in London to expedite United States assistance to Britain.

The scope of United States aid, apart from Russia and Britain herself, informed quarters said, included all the threatened outposts of the British Empire in the Far East and the Netherlands Indies.

The military and industrial needs of the U.S.S.R., these sources said, were outlined by Ivan M. Maisky, Russian Ambassador to London, in a conference with the United States Ambassador, John G. Winant, and Mr. Hopkins.

HUNGER CRY AT MASS

An Athens message says that during Mass in the cathedral there was a demonstration by the congregation.

They cried: "We are hungry!"

PULLED RIPCORD FOR PAL

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Falling into the darkness through thousands of feet of space, two airmen lived because one pulled the ripcord of both parachutes.

A sergeant-observer in the R.A.F. told me how in a split second he saved the life of his wounded and unconscious rear gunner.

"In the R.A.F. you have to think quick or die," he said. "I preferred to think quick."

"I don't think there is anything heroic about it."

"We were hit by flak over Germany," he went on, "and the plane only just staggered back across the Channel. We were told to bale out, but the gunner was unconscious."

"We had only second in which to work and no time to try to bring the man round."

"I lowered myself through the trap-door clinging like a monkey round his waist as the plane swooped above me."

"I yelled right and the other man released his arms. As we fell I pulled the cord of his parachute and let go of him."

"As I released my hold of him I spun head over heels in the air, then dropped."

"I thought I was done, but in the same second that I thought it I somehow got my finger in the ring of my own parachute and pulled."

"Then I started to float down. It was as easy as that, and I reckoned everything was O.K. I heard later that they picked the gunner up alive."

SHE HAS ONLY A SWIM SUIT

Doreen Morris, 23, will provide the Board of Trade with a problem when they decide how many extra coupons persons who lose all or a part of their clothing are entitled to.

At present, all Doreen possesses in the way of a summer wardrobe is one bathing costume!

Doreen used to live in a house on the front at a south coast town. One day she had to leave. She had no time to pack her things.

She went to live with her mother at Pinner, Middlesex.

Later she got permission to return home for her clothes. But when she got there she found that every stitch had been stolen—all except her bathing costume. The house had been bombed and looted.

WEST END "HEAP OF RUINS," SAY NAZIS

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THE RE-OPENING DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

The takeout double is usually thought of as a weapon to be used by the side which does not open the bidding, but under certain circumstances it can be used most effectively by the opening bidder himself. For example:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
NORTH
♠ 10 7 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 8 6 5 3 2
WEST
♠ K 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ K 9 4
EAST
♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ A J
♣ A J 7
SOUTH
♠ Q J 6
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ Q 7 6
♣ Q 10

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

East's opening bid was quite normal, as was South's overcall. West, however, had a bit of a problem. He could hardly raise spades with only a doubleton in the suit; nor could he go to three diamonds with so shabby a suit and so meagre a hand. He didn't like to pass with as much as three Kings opposite an opening bid, but decided that game was unlikely unless East could find a rebid.

As it happened, East could find a rebid since he had a very strong hand; but right here is where most players would go astray. Most players would wonder only whether to re-open the bidding with two spades or three spades, but neither bid would be a good choice. The correct re-opening bid in this situation is a double — a takeout double.

In this case, West properly chose to convert the takeout double into a penalty double by passing. With a different type of hand, West would have bid his long suit or taken East back to spades. But the penalty pass, with West's actual hand, produced a very gratifying result.

Almost any defence would have held South to four trump tricks, but East and West managed the defence ably enough to limit South to three tricks — a penalty of 900 points!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ 8
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 5 4
The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Male
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass

ANSWER: Bid two notrump. You must make some response but cannot quite make a "positive" response with with so little high-card strength.

Score 100% for two notrump, 60% for three spades.

Question No. 804

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Schenken You Male
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

PARIS REFUGEES HOME

Nine hundred refugees from the Paris region have been allowed to return home from the South of France, says the Nazi-controlled Paris radio. Another batch will be allowed to return shortly. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S AIR OFFENSIVE

(By A Military Correspondent)

THE BRITISH daylight raids on northern France, which started on May 16, have developed into a regular and continuing series. Ten large-scale "sweeps" in eight days must be counted as eminently satisfactory, for, in addition to extensive damage on military objectives and the heavy industries of northern France, the R.A.F. has brought down 112 enemy fighters.

One might have expected higher British losses as the sweeps were extended, but the increase has remained in proportion to the number of planes employed. For every British pilot lost five German planes have been brought down.

The main significance of the attacks is that they show that regular and successful daylight operations are possible, even against strongly defended enemy positions and under varying weather conditions. Instead of the old reliance on hit-and-run raids by bombers taking advantage of cloud-cover, the R.A.F. fighters now clear the skies and accompany the bombers on their task. In a word, the raids give us a picture of what is to come. Britain not only proves that planned daylight raids are operationally possible, but also shows that she is now strong enough to undertake them. Since Germany must still have ample planes in northern France to send out against the British raiders, and since some of the planes shot down were the latest Messerschmidt 109F, the experience of the last eight days also reaffirms the quantitative superiority of Britain's new Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Light Day Losses

As late as the series of raids that started on April 23, reliance was placed mainly on bombers, although it was well realised that no day-bomber was fast enough, or sufficiently rapid in manoeuvre or fire-power, to tackle enemy fighters. Even then, it was the opinion of many experts that day operations involving fighters would be too costly to become a regular part of the air war at any early date; and it says much for the relative development of Britain's aerial power that a change has come about so quickly.

There is another aspect of the situation. Britain is achieving her new results while losing less than one-fourth the number of planes lost by the enemy. This compares favourably with the general figure for the first four months of this year, when Britain

lost a third as many planes as the Axis. While this improvement in itself is not likely to hasten the attainment of parity with the Luftwaffe very greatly, the Russo-German fighting may rapidly and drastically affect the situation. Russia claims that Germany lost 382 war-planes in the first three days of her new war; and even if this estimate is exaggerated, the Red Air Force must be inflicting considerable losses on the Luftwaffe.

PARATROOPS HIT NAZIS

— New York Report

How daring British paratroops destroyed a Nazi airport, thirty aeroplanes and took forty German pilots prisoner was told the other day in a cable to the "New York Post" from Zurich.

Paratroops crossed the Channel in bombers and baled out over the airport in the French town of Berck-sur-Mer.

They split into three groups. The first group rushed the control room and seized the occupants before the alarm could be given; the second attacked the barracks and took the prisoners, and the third scattered over the airport and destroyed the planes.

The paratroops then went to a nearby port where torpedo boats waited to take them and the prisoners to England.

The men were home before the Nazis knew what had happened.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



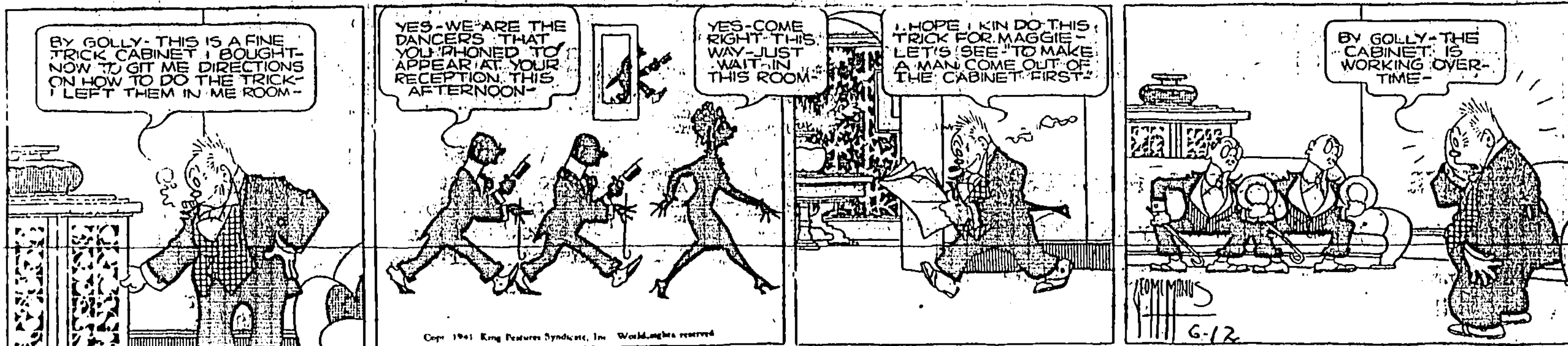
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Summer Routine

The mature beauty has learned that a daily routine of grooming keeps her looking her most attractive. Spasmodic attempts to care for skin and hair bring little more than discouragement.

Aging skin usually takes on a coarse, dry texture and this must be guarded against by devoting ten minutes each day to cream cleansing, lubrication and stimulation.

At night our mature woman must cleanse her face thoroughly and then apply a rich cream. This should be worked into the skin with upward strokes from chin to ear, from nostrils to temples, across the forehead and with gentle circular movements around the nostrils and front chin. It is good to keep the fingers pressed against the skin at the end of each stroke. You will feel the blood being carried upward which helps greatly in toning the small muscles.

For cleansing, at the end of a day, use a cream which melts quickly on your face. Personally I think a rapid cleansing first is good, to remove all the surface dirt at once. This should be followed by a more leisurely cream cleansing.

Now let's discuss stimulation. Many women do not know what stimulation means. Let's substitute the word "skin-tingling" for stimulation. You know how your skin tingles after exercise and after you splash it with cold water? Well, it is stimulated or exercised. The blood rushes to it and carries more beauty food.

Stimulation is most important for the mature skin so if you do not exercise regularly you must artificially stimulate your complexion by using a chilled skin tonic or freshener, or ice water. Stimulation must follow a good cleansing. One may slap the face smartly with the palms before applying any chilled lotion. Bring the blood to the surface and make those tiny, lazy face muscles wake up. Otherwise droopy lines will soon form around your mouth, nose and eyes and you will look older than your years.

Adding Skin Glamour

Every woman of this age group should use a masque preparation once a week. There is a galaxy of masque preparations from



A gay compact, filled with powder to match her current skintone is essential to the beauty of a maturing woman. This vanity contains a generous, washable puff.

which to choose at a wide range of price. And if you prefer to whip up your own you may do that too. But do use one of these pore-refining mixtures once a week after your regular routine.

And remember there is a world of youth, charm and loveliness for the mature beauty in the proper use of proper make-up. Avoid

bold, unnatural effects but strive for gracious glamour. The aging woman who scorns make-up (delightful, natural looking make-up) is not only cheating herself of beauty but is cheating her public as well. Every one adores seeing a beautifully groomed woman who has pointed up her beauty expertly with lipstick, powder and rouge!

Luck For The Bride

Maybe you aren't superstitious or at any rate not to let the gods see her.

but if you're a bride, we'd bet two dozen oranges to one sprig of orange blossom that you are sticking to all the good old notions about "something borrowed, something blue" and not seeing your bridegroom on your wedding day until you meet in church. Because there just might be something in it.

All these quaint ideas may sound like superstitions now—but way back in olden days there was a reason for each one.

For one thing, everybody then—a-days firmly believed in numerous gods and goddesses and evil spirits; and these immortals had a well-known habit of falling in love with human men and women.

So that as the time for a wedding approached, everybody began to grow nervous in case an evil spirit should carry off the bride or groom; and they did everything they could to fool the gods.

A bride traditionally wears a veil and is surrounded by bridesmaids because of the old custom we to-day decorate a wedding of deceiving the gods as to which cake with tiny shoes, or tie them girl was actually being married, on the bridal cart!

Then again, if a man met his bride on the morning of the wedding that might betray their secret to the spirits.

The custom of teasing a newly-married couple and playing jokes on them hardly seems like superstition. It's just an annoying tradition, if you are one half of the happy pair, and a legitimate chance for a bit of fun if you are a guest.

But that, too, had its origin in another rather difficult trait of the ancient gods—their habit of punishing anyone who was too happy.

On such a happy occasion as a wedding, it was obviously very necessary to prevent the gods from feeling jealous by pretending that it was really a tragedy.

Shoes were a symbol of children—remember the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe?—and though we may not realise it, THAT'S why we to-day decorate a wedding of deceiving the gods as to which cake with tiny shoes, or tie them girl was actually being married, on the bridal cart!

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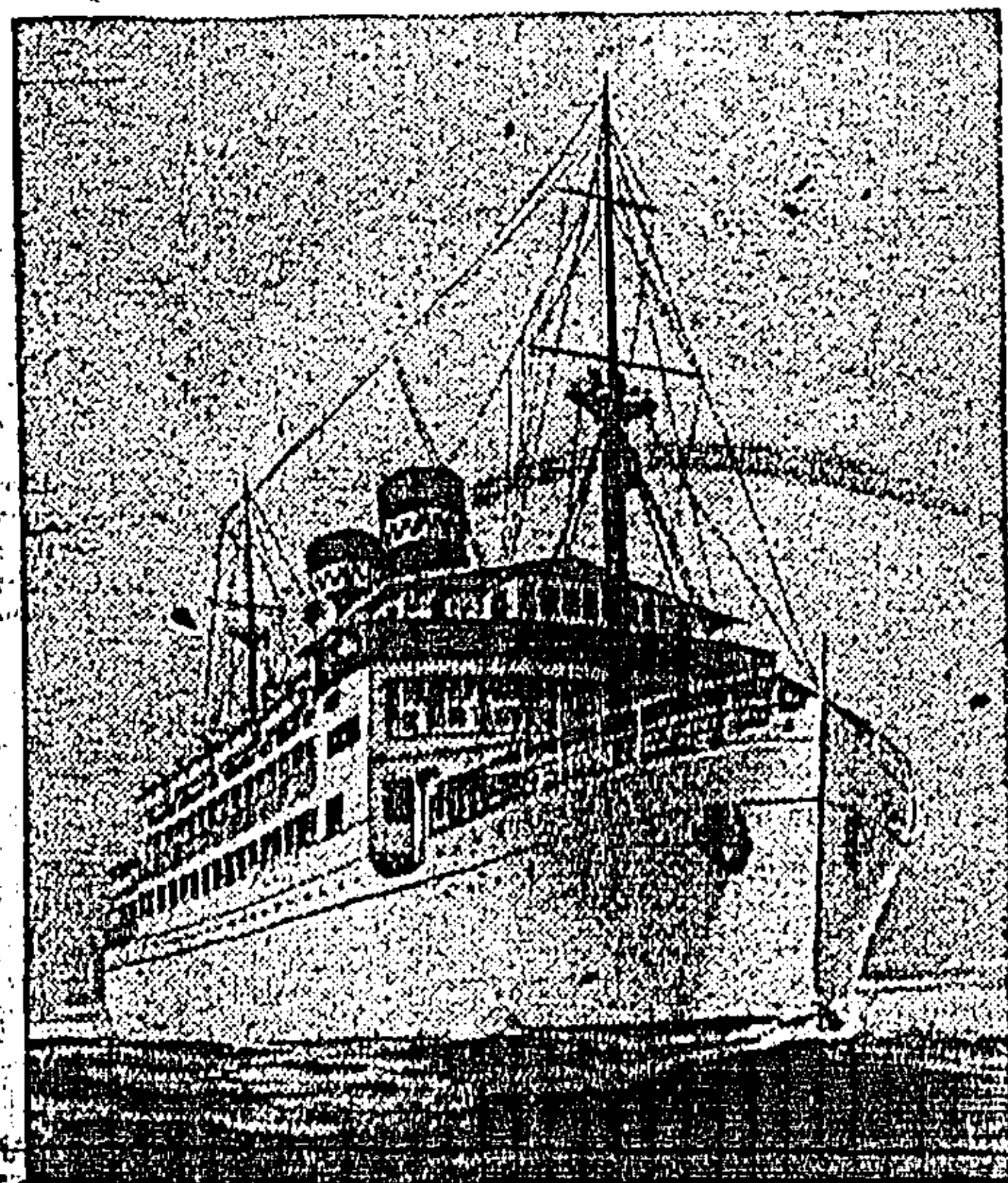
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession

12.30 p.m.—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trots—Peckin' (from film "New Faces of 1937"); Can't We Be Friends (James & Swift); One Sweet Letter From You (Brown, Warren); Scatterbrain (Burke, Bean, Masters); Rose of Washington Square (Macdonald); And The Angels Sing (Meredith-Elman).
Fox-Trot—If Dreams Come True (Edgar Sampson).
Swing Fox-Trots—If Always Be In Love With You (Green); Make Believe (Kern).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—A Noel Coward Programme.

"Words And Music"—The Party's Over Now; Something To Do With Spring... Noel Coward (Vocal) with Orchestra.
"Overture"—Selection... His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.

Most of Every Day—Fox-Trot... Jack Jackson and his Orchestra.
"Conversation Piece"—Regency Rakes... Sidney Grammer, George Sanders, Pat Worsley, Antony Brian (Vocal Quartette) and His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.

1 Travel Alone—Fox-Trot... Jack Jackson and his Orchestra.
I'll See You Again (from film "Bitter Sweet")... Hildegard (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Betty Driver, Nollie and Marie, Oliver Wakefield and others.

Vocal—The Moon Remembered; I've Got A Hunch (both from film "Let's Be Famous"—Gay—Butler)... Betty Driver with Orchestra.
Trio—A Choice Of Colour—Intro: Pink Lady Waltz; A Brown Bird Singing; Over The Rainbow; Coal Black Mammy; Two Eyes of Grey; My Blue Heaven... Albert Sandler Trio.

Humorous—Keeping A Stuff Upper; Play Up And Pay The Dame (Wakefield)... Oliver Wakefield (The Voice of Inexperience).
Organ—Childhood Memories (arr. Debrov Somers)... Reginald Foort.

Duet—Afrald To Dream (from film "You Can't Have Everything")... Gordon & Revel... Molly and Marie with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22 and Septet.
Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22—1st Mov: Andante sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Allegro scherzando; 3rd Mov: Presto... Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra.

Septet—Op. 65: Preamble—Menuet—Intermezzo—Gavotte and Finale... Mm. Foveau (Trumpet), Cantrelle (1st Violin), Bellanger (2nd Violin), Vieux (Viola), Marneff (Cello), Nanny (Double-bass) and Faure (Piano).

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Verdi's Operas.

"The Force of Destiny"—Overture... Oswald Kabasta & Philharmonic Orchestra.
"Il Trovatore" (Act 3)—Strike Down That Dread Pyre... Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra.

"Otello"—Willow Song (Act 4)... Elisabeth Rethberg (Soprano) with Orchestra.
"Rigoletto"—Selection... Marek Weber and his Orchestra.

"Otello"—Heaven, Had I Pleaded Thee To Try Me (Act 3)... Renato Zanelli (Tenor) and Members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—"Jubilee Music-Hall Parade"—1910/1935.

9.22 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Kenny Baker (Vocal).
Dainty Debutante (Scott-Wood); Piccadilly Playtime (Leach-Evans).... Patricia Rossborough.

Sing A Song Of Harvest (from film "Kentucky Moonshine"); Just Let Me Look At You (from film "Joy Of Living"—Kern)... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.

Pianoforte (Roy Bary); Slipova (Roy Bary & Straight)... Patricia Rossborough.

Who Am I? In The Cool Of The Evening (from film "The Hit Parade of 1941"—Bullock—Jule Styne)... Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orch.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.

Puszta (Mihaly); The Wind Has Told Me A Story (Bruhne); In The Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill); Sleep, My Little One—Lullaby (Hautzik—Hassonfeld).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording "The Land We Defend": Northern Ireland.

10.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Goblins In The Steeple; The Whistler and His Dog... Mill Herth Trio.

Quick-Steps—No, Mama, No; Sweet Little Sweetheart... Joe Lobb and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Still The Bluebird Sings; An Apple For The Teacher (both from the film "The Star Maker")... Larry Clinton and his Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—The Drift; Fox-Trot—You've Done Something To My Heart (both from C. B. Cochran Show "Lights Up")... Jack Hyllton and his Orchestra.

Waltz—Vienna So Gay (from "Maritza")... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

POSITIVE DEFENCE URGED BY WILLKIE

WENDELL WILLKIE called for a positive defence against the Nazi machine in an address before an overflow crowd at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium at a mass meeting held under the auspices of Americans United.

Advocating an aggressive campaign of aid to Germany's enemies, the 1940 Republican Presidential Nominee asserted:

"We must read our lesson in the fate of other free peoples who found themselves unprepared to meet and stop the amazing war machine created by Adolf Hitler. Hitler has challenged our freedom," Mr. Willkie said. "In defending it, we cannot wait in the corner for him to strike us. We must, on the contrary, size up our antagonist."

"We must plan our strategy and our tactics and, at the proper times, we must step forth boldly and courageously to throw Hitler off his guard, to bewilder him, to drive him back against the ropes, long before he has a chance to drive us back against the ropes. We must force him to take the count."

"Must Not Be Afraid To Act"

"The defence of freedom must be a positive thing. We must not be afraid to act, and we must be prepared to act swiftly and suddenly."

"We must not be afraid to give our President the necessary emergency powers which will enable him to act—swiftly and suddenly. And we must realise that, in order to prevent the Axis from waging war on us, in our hemisphere, and possibly some day on our soil, these swift moves of ours must be taken at remote distances from the American continent, in strategic spots whose importance is understood by our Army and Navy."

"This kind of defence, this positive kind of defence, has already proved effective."

"In a very real sense it is responsible for Hitler's present difficulties in Russia. It is responsible for the terrible exhaustion of men and equipment he is suffering there, and for the chance given Britain and the United States, meanwhile, to strengthen themselves."

Of the Russian situation, Mr. Willkie said:

"The only thing we have ever had to fear from communism is the possible triumph of an ideology. Now even the idea (of communism) is no longer a real menace to democracy. Its appeal is rapidly dying, its propaganda is confused and futile. It is a dream that didn't come true."

Russia "Never A Menace To Us"

"Russia has never been a military menace or a trade menace to us. For twenty-three years the Communists have been on the Bering Strait, and we've never had any reason to fear that they would attack us across that narrow water."

"But the picture with Hitler is different. He is engaged with all the terrible power of his military machine in conquering the world. If he succeeds, he means to enslave it economically, politically and culturally. He has plainly told us so."

Mr. Willkie called also for redoubled aid to China as a means of preventing a Japanese attack on Russia. Not only would increased help to China stop a back-door attack on the Soviet, he said, but "freed from Japan's menace in the Pacific, we shall be able to concentrate more of our strength in the Battle of the Atlantic."

"In China's ability successfully to engage the energies of Japan," Mr. Willkie declared, "lies our best hope of diverting the forces of Hitler's most effective ally."

"Totalitarianism will thus be surrounded, blocked on all sides, and the Nazi flood, having reached its full, will begin to recede. For history proves that such forces survive only in expansion."

He emphatically contended that additional naval and air bases should be acquired to protect the supply lanes of the North Atlantic, and that ship and plane courses of the South Atlantic should be guarded to prevent German moves through Spain and Portugal.

WOMAN DOCTOR STOLE

Well-known Southport (Lancs.) woman doctor, Sybil Richards, 43, of Aughton Road, was fined £5 at Southport for stealing a bicycle.

"She must have been suffering under some lamentable mental aberration," said Mr. Compton Carr, defending.

It was stated that the bicycle was "missed by a woman who left it outside a house. Some days later she saw it outside a Southport shop."

Dr. Richards said it was hers and took her stethoscope and some papers out of the saddle bag. Then she said, "Someone has stolen my bicycle and put these in here."

Mr. Carr said that up to the previous night he was under the impression Dr. Richards had no case to answer.

It came as a bombshell when she told him: "I can no longer persist in this. My conscience won't allow it."

MILITARY PROMOTIONS

The Council of Peoples' Commissars of USSR has promoted a group of senior commanders of the Red Army. Podlas, Smirnov, Feduninsky, Bagranyan and Kalinin were promoted to the rank of major-general. Slomatina to the rank of major-general of tank troops and Petukhov to the rank of major-general of engineering troops. — Tass.



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Total of the Ministry of Information staff is 8,244, and the total annual cost of salaries is £2,724,500.

The figures were revealed by the Minister in the House recently. He was replying to Sir Percy Hurd, who asked how many men and women were employed in the postal and telegraph censorship of the Ministry in addition to the other 1,801 on the staff; what was the total cost in salaries, and were any further sums paid for services in connection with the Ministry's secret inquests or otherwise.

Reply was that the present staff numbered 3,808 men and 2,635 women. Total cost of the salaries was £2,196,000 per annum. Cost in salaries of the other 1,801 of the Ministry's members totalled £528,500.

No Secret Inquests

"The Ministry does not conduct any secret inquests" was the Minister's acid comment on the latter part of the question.

Regarding the cost, the Minister said it was more important to ensure that this work was being efficiently carried out than to reduce the expenditure.

At another stage the Minister said that in the past three months forty-two people had been engaged in the study and report on public opinion at a cost of £4,400 a quarter.

TUNNEL IN DEBRIS TO FREE NURSE

RESCUE SQUADS constructed a makeshift tunnel to reach nurses buried in the debris of a hospital nurses' home in Manchester, which was blitzed at the cost of two Nazi bombers.

Inch by inch they worked their way to where Nurse Owen lay tightly pinned by debris in every part of her body.

With hacksaws and hands they cleared away piles of concrete blocks, broken furniture and other obstacles. Their reward came when Nurse Owen was brought out alive from the basement shelter. She had been buried for nearly twelve hours.

A doctor gave her morphine, and swathed from head to foot in blankets she was placed in an ambulance and taken to the operating theatre of the hospital, which was undamaged.

Nurse Owen's home is at St. Asaph, North Wales.

In Death Trap

Other nurses are still missing and some are feared dead. Four of the missing are young nurses who entered the hospital for preliminary training a few weeks ago.

"There are three nurses inside this death trap," said one of the A.R.P. men, "and we are working

like hell to get at them. We know two are alive."

A doctor from the hospital crawled through an opening, found one nurse trapped by her arm. In the light of miners' electric lamps he gave her an anaesthetic and amputated her arm. Soon afterwards she was freed, but she died in a few minutes.

Two Hospitals Hit

Two other hospitals were damaged by fire or explosive bombs. Members of the staffs were injured, but the patients had been evacuated.

For several hours droves of bombers circled over the city in an almost incessant roar.

Five wardens were killed on patrol. A curate was killed on shelter duty outside his church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boyd and their 10-year-old daughter were making their way to an outdoor shelter when a bomb fell.

The husband's body was found behind a well some distance away, while the wife was discovered lying across a public-house sign. There was no trace of the girl.

A few bombs fell in the Midlands. London had an Alert—first for sixteen nights—without bombs.

DETAINED VICAR KNEW HAW-HAW

The Rev. G. H. Dymock, vicar of St. Bede's, Fishponds, Bristol, has been detained under the Defence Regulations.

Mr. Dymock, who used to attend meetings in Bristol of Sir Oswald Mosley and William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw), said in a recent interview that he had severed his relations with the British Union, and did not know why he should be hounded by the police.

The police had been constantly worrying him. Once, he said, it was alleged that he flashed lights from the roof of his home to the enemy, and on another occasion the police had searched his cellar for a wireless transmitting apparatus.

In January, 1937, he told a reporter that he sympathised with employers who took the line that married women "should be left to their real job of race-building."

Mr. Dymock figured in a question put to Mr. O. Peake, Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Office on April 22.

Mr. Peake then said, in answer to Mr. R. R. Stokes, Labour, M.P. for Ipswich, that St. Bede's Vicarage was searched on an order issued by a police superintendent under Defence Regulation 88A.

Mr. Peake said that there was no reason to suppose that the provisions of the Regulation had not been properly complied with. It would not be in the public interest to make any further statement.

In April, 1930, he preached at St. Bede's in verse. The verses were entitled:—

"What I don't like about America," and one of them ran:—

"I don't like their film fans or their talkies,

Their sobstuff, their sects, or 'sonny boys.'

I'd rather see a sunset on the Severn

Than lounge about in tip-up seats with toys!"

LEFT WARD - HURT AGAIN

Dr. Frederic Lamond, 73, world famous pianist, left his bed at Glasgow Royal Infirmary to give a B.B.C. broadcast.

On his way back to the infirmary the car in which he was travelling was in collision with a bus and Dr. Lamond was admitted to the wards suffering from chest and face injuries, and shock.

He is now dangerously ill, attended by doctors and nurses who a few hours previously had been congratulating him on his recovery from injuries received in a road accident only three weeks ago.

On that occasion he was struck by a tramcar and he had progressed so well that he decided that he was fit enough to fulfil an engagement in the Home programme.

On the return journey his car collided with a bus and mounted the pavement, knocking down three people.

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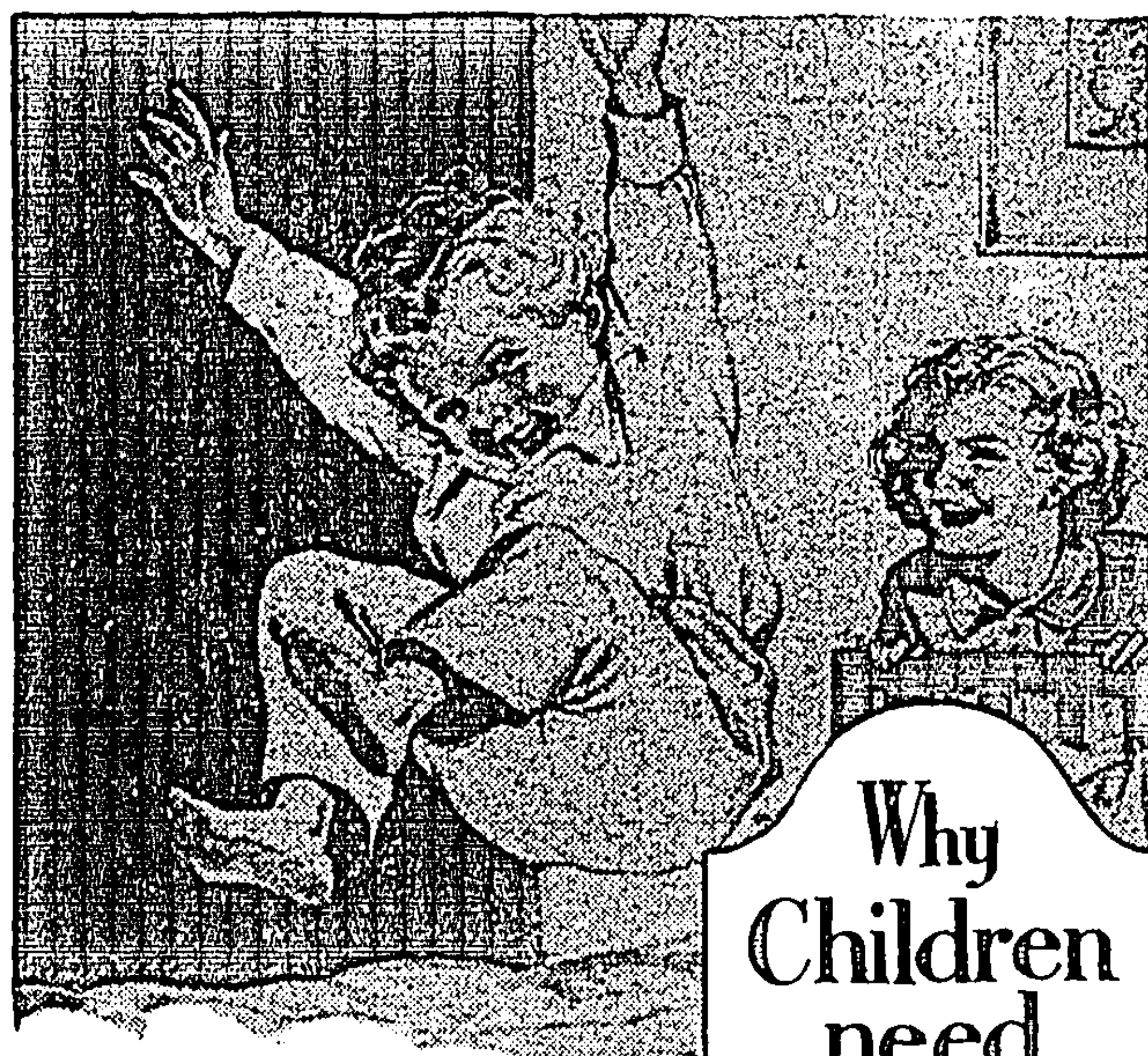
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CEMENT ATTACK BY BISHOP

An attack on Lord Wolmer, Director of Cement, was made by the Bishop of Birmingham in the House of Lords when he appealed for better raid shelters.

Ought such a Government officer as Lord Wolmer, he asked, to be paid by the very monopolists whom he might in the national interests have to coerce?

It had been suggested that Lord Wolmer continued to be paid by the Federation, of which he ceased to be chairman when he was appointed Director of Cement. The suggested payment was £5,000 a year, with another £1,000 when Lord Wolmer became a member of the House of Lords.

"Surely such an appointment should be ended," declared the Bishop. "There is a demand throughout the country for the building of bomb-proof shelters. If Berlin has them, why not Birmingham?"

"The present so-called control of the cement industry should be changed. Does the Government control the ring, or does the ring dictate Government policy?"

Accountants Fix Price

Lord Wolmer, in reply, denied that there was a ring in cement. What had been called a ring was an effort on the part of the industry to rationalise and organise itself. Its whole purpose was to make and sell as much cement as possible.

Accountants of the Ministry of Supply decided the price of cement.

The Bishop was given an opportunity in a law court of proving his allegations, and paid £1,000, rather than do so.

"Lord Wolmer," retorted the Bishop, "seems to think that because I did not defend the action brought against me by the Cement Manufacturers' Federation I do not feel that what I had said was sufficiently justified. Surely Lord Wolmer is not ignorant that the use by big business of actions for slander or libel to ensure the suppression of criticism has become an accepted technique."

NAVY SOCCER PRACTICES

By "Incog"

The Navy are doing things in the right way this season in regard to preparation for the approaching football season, and a visit to the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, any evening, will bear out this statement.

I had heard whispers of "secret training," and in order to satisfy my curiosity, I made the trip to the ground several evenings ago. I was not disappointed for, I don't remember ever having seen training by any football team on such an organised scale here before.

Before going further into this training scheme, I would like to mention that it was all thought, planned and conducted by none other than that very keen supporter of football, Mr. D. M. Mitchell. He had gone to a great deal of trouble to get the thing organised and started, but after the lads had been down there once, there was never any more doubt as to "whether it would work."

Class Popular

This class has been going on now for well on a fortnight, and though the nature of naval duties are such that it is not possible for the same crowd to be present every evening, there has not been any falling off in the numbers attending, and that alone speaks volumes for the keenness of the men and the organisers.

Light exercises were the order of the day for the first week or so, "just to knock the old body into shape," as one of them said. Then light ball practice was started—kicking the ball around, ball control and shooting—and, according to the schedule, heavier work will commence next week, with perhaps short pick-up games to follow before full-time practice matches are indulged in.

Prospects Bright

Mr. Mitchell is also very enthusiastic about the men, and the chances of Royal Navy in Senior Division Football this coming season. And so he should be, for in addition to all the stalwarts of last season, with the exception of Honywill, he will have a number of young fellows who are new to the Colony.

Players who have taken part in these training classes to date include: Le Page, Croft, Rushman, Pratt, Roughly, Gift, Rutter, Huckle, Breese, Brit, Hawkesworth, Worth, Hendy, Spradbury, Hocking, Anderson, Miers and Shipwilt.

HONG KONG WIN INTERPORT

Hong Kong bent Macao on Sunday in the Miniature Football Interport by 2 goals to 1 at Macao. Lai Chung-yin and Chan Chak-kai scored for Hong Kong.

A. A. Noronha will soon be busy getting together a V.R.C. track team for the winter months. According to him, there is every possibility of an attempt being made to hold athletic championships this season, and the initiative will be taken either by European Y.M.C.A. or V.R.C.



Competitors and spectators at the Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday. Miss "Jackie" Anderson (French Convent), who won the 50 Yards free-style race and tied with Miss C. Guterres (St. Mary's School) in the diving, is seen in the middle of the second row, with a towel over her shoulders, and sitting next to her is Miss Yvonne Yelle, also of French Convent.

HONG KONG HAS EXCELLENT JUNIOR SWIMMING TALENT JUDGING FROM V.R.C. SPORTS

By "Incog"

The form revealed at the Inter-School Swimming Gala at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday must have been most gratifying to the sponsors, and augurs well for the future of swimming in the Colony.

It is true that, in some cases, over-anxiousness to win tended to "spoil" the swimming from the "high standard" point of view, more especially in the case of the juniors, but this is, fortunately, a fault that will naturally disappear with experience, and for that reason need not be viewed with too much concern.

While the boys treated the spectators to some very keen competition, it was left to the girls to bring off the high-

light of the evening, this happening in the 50 Yards free-style event, when Miss Jackie Anderson returned the excellent time of 31 seconds flat, to beat a club-mate in Miss Celeste Guterres by a touch, the latter again being about the same distance ahead of Miss Ko Mui-ling.

In this event, with three of the Colony's best swimmers in action, excluding, of course, the title-holder, Miss Vivienne Churn, the high standard set was as expected, but in the 50 Yards back-stroke, Miss Anderson surprised even her most ardent supporter when she gave Miss Guterres a close race, losing by only a touch. It is generally felt that if she were to take up this department of swimming seriously, she would develop into just as good a back-stroker as she is a free-styler, and for those who have seen her in the latter events that is saying a good deal.

Diving Faults

The boys who took part in the Junior Diving event did quite well. Their form through the air and their take-off generally were the weakness, but as far as their entry into the water was concerned, that was very good and clean, and the performers were justly applauded by the crowd. The winner of this event, K. Thomas of St. Stephen's, was very good and with more concentration on the take-off he would do even better.

Coming to the sprint events, I am afraid the style and form displayed was not as good as was expected, but this defect was more than made-up for in power. William Teo, who won the 100 Yards free-style, should develop into an excellent swimmer. If some experienced coach takes him in hand, his time of 62-1/5 secs. for that distance was very good, considering his tender years—the Colony record (held by D. Hutchinson) is 56-1/5 secs. My advice to him would be to concentrate on this, and if he gets the proper training I expect him to be a strong challenger in future Open Championships.

The competitors in the Boys' Senior breast-stroke showed very good form, and all those who took part in the 100 Yards gave promise of developing into really fine performers. Kong Ying-wing, who won this event, is already receiving the benefit of coaching at one of the Chinese bathing clubs, and others would be well-advised to follow suit.

Lopes Wins Easily

A. V. Lopes, who is being coached and trained at V.R.C. by Gussie Noronha, won the 100 Yards back-stroke quite easily. He was expected to do so as, in a recent 50 Yards race at V.R.C., he beat A. K. Rumjahn, though in fairness it must be said that the Colony champion had, only a few minutes previously, taken part in a very strenuous race. Young Lopes has a very fine physique, and more should be heard of him in the future.

This lad also won the 220 Yards free-style, but here it must be mentioned that he showed the glaring fault of what is generally known as the "straight arm action." After the arms entered the water they turn outward instead of inward. If he can correct this fault and pay more attention to the importance of rhythm, rather than power, he ought to make a good middle distance swimmer. His stamina has already been proven.

Taking everything into consideration, the gala was an unqualified success, even though the Summer holidays limited the entries. It is a pity that more schools do not boast swimming baths of their own. As far as I know, King's College and St. Paul's Girls' College are the only ones to enjoy this amenity, though, of course, the boys at St. Stephen's have their own beach at Stanley. More opportunities for training in a bath would result in improvement all round and a higher standard in school swimming generally.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms for the Colony Swimming Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27 and October 2 and 4 have been circulated to all clubs.

Heats will be held between September 25 and September 27.

By spreading the heats and championship over so many days it is hoped to give all competitors a chance of participating in as many events as they desire.

Volunteer duties will be taken into consideration when the programme of events for the Championships and heats are drawn up.

The Annual Harbour race will be held the week following the championships.

Considerable interest was aroused this other day in local tennis circles by a report published in one of the Chinese papers to the effect that Indian Recreation Club had just recruited a 17-year-old tennis wonder, who had wiped the floor with the Ruffians and, in fact, with anybody he had met. This report, however, proves to be somewhat "premature," no such tennis player having joined the Sookunpoos club, where some members said they "hoped to goodness there was some truth in the report!"

ALL WINNERS AND PLACED PONIES FOR FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON

Hong Kong Jockey Club's record book for the first half of the 1941 racing season was distributed recently, and from this informative publication we have compiled the following complete list of 1941 winners and placed ponies with the total stakes money won up to June 30, 1941:—

CHINA PONIES

	1	2	3	Stakes
Advancing Time	0	0	0	\$2,800
Arabian Cat	0	0	0	975
Ascol Vale	0	0	0	1,900
Avon	2	0	1	6,730
Blue Diamond	0	0	0	3,430
Blue Field	0	0	0	2,350
Boat Bay	0	0	0	9,425
Bressay	0	0	0	2,450
Burford	0	0	1	6,222
Celtic Star	0	0	1	7,452
Charlesbox	1	1	3	2,300
Chatterbox	0	0	0	3,550
Confusion Bay	1	2	15	25,250
Conquering Time	1	0	0	4,875
Desert Star	0	0	3	3,513
Dow Jones	1	2	1	1,850
Dupont Bay	0	0	0	3,400
Emergency Unit	0	0	1	1,000
Eve of Daring	1	1	1	2,650
Eve of Deception	0	1	0	500
Eve of Folly	1	0	0	1,700
Eve of Grandeur	1	0	0	1,900
Eve of Harvest	0	3	0	9,088
Eve of Heaven	0	0	0	3,050
Eve of Hunting	0	3	1	1,916
Eve of Peace	2	0	0	1,800
Eve of Reason	2	0	0	2,625
Expansion Time	0	1	1	6,357
Forty-Six	1	0	0	600
Galaxy	1	0	0	6,650
Gallant Marshal	1	1	2	1,750
Galveston Bay	2	1	2	5,350
Gay Star	0	0	0	1,900
Gladiator	1	0	0	17,705
Guinness Time	0	0	0	5,100
Happy Eve	0	0	0	3,987
Heddon	0	3	0	2,425
Hillsboro Bay	1	0	0	2,550
Hopeful Star	0	2	3	3,000
Humdrum Eve	0	0	0	6,190
Iron Beauty	0	0	1	700
Jack O'Lantern	0	0	0	2,825
Jane Doe	0	0	0	800
Jennifer	0	1	0	4,050

Jobber	0	0	1	6,225
Johnner	0	3	0	2,550
Just in Time	0	0	0	4,700
Kentucky	0	0	0	800
King Kong	1	1	2	9,300
King's Envoy	0	0	0	1,275
King's Worthy	0	1	2	1,675
Lancashire Chap	1	0	0	1,950
Lancashire Lass	1	1	0	4,850
Liliber	0	0	1	4,050
Lovelylight	0	1	1	883
Lovely Star	2	2	0	1,650
Lovely Eleven	0	2	2	1,050
Lucky Eleven	0	1	0	2,187
Musketeer	0	1	0	5,975
National Liberty	0	0	1	925
National Success	0	0	0	325
Navylight	1	1	0	7,672
Night Express	0	2	1	1,100
Odeon	2	1	2	2,150
O'Land	4	1	0	7,681
Oolong	0	0	0	1,000
Oonagh	1	0	1	675
Oscar Zylch	1	1	1	2,300
Palmer	0	1	1	1,625
Peaceful View	0	0	0	3,850
Phoenix	1	0	1	3,712
Piet Hein	3	0	0	4,019
Plain View	1	0	1	5,825
Portrush	1	1	0	5,118
Potentate	0	0	0	6,637
Reconquer	0	1	1	800
Racyleigh	1	0	0	3,200
Radium Star	1	2	0	2,575
Red Feather	0	0	0	12,564
Resisting Time	0	0	0	600
Rob Roy	0	0	1	6,990
Romson	0	0	0	1,100
Rose Emily	0	1	0	3,990
Rose Evelyn	0	0	0	15,480
Rose Flann	0	0	0	1,700
Rose Jane	0	1	0	3,650
Rose Queen	0	0	1	13,649
Royal Highness	1	1	1	6,412
Royal Wedding Eve	2	0	2	900
Salvage Master	0	0	0	7,466
Sam's Choice	1	1	2	2,500
Scenic View	0	0	0	5,816
Smashing Through	0	0	0	600
Smiling Time	0	0	0	2,090
So Nice	1	0	2	1,250
Spicylight	0	0	2	3,300
Strathbannock	0	0	0	5,500
Sunlight View	0	1	1	2,116
Sylvandale	0	1	0	6,850
Talkative	0	0	0	2,375
Taxing Master	0	0	0	1,250
The Tigress	0	0	1	1,700
Thirty-Six	1	0	0	2,450
Valorous	0	0	0	19,487
Velvetlight	3	3	0	5,468
West Lake	1	1	2	3,900
White Diamond	0	0	0	2,250
Wilber	0	0	0	3,550
Wonderful Scheme	2	0	1	2,000
World Fair View	2	1	0	3,800
Zero	0	0	0	2,350

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

	1	2	3	Stakes
A Good Time	0	0	3	5,550
A Grand Time	0	0	0	4,137
A Green Time	0	0	0	600
A Happy Time	2	1	0	2,050
Ajax	0	0	0	2,250
A Luxurious Time	1	0	0	1,750
Amber II	1	0	0	2,400
Amulet Star	1	0	0	1,500
Amusement Tax	0	0	1	250
Angel of Glory	1	0	0	1,000
Annabella	0	0	0	3,375
Arzac Day	0	2	1	1,300
Araxy II	1	0	0	1,000
A Roaring Time	0	0	0	2,450
A Rosy Time	0	2	1	1,250
A Surprising Time	2	1	2	4,100
Australian Diamond	1	2	0	5,250
Australian Prince	0	0	0	900
Baffin Bay	1	1	0	6,400
Battle	0	1	0	500
Bendemeer	0	0	0	1,000
Bendigo	1	0	2	1,300
Black Seal	1	0	3	2,500
Blue Gown	0	0	1	75
Bona Vacantia	1	1	1	1,000
Bredon	0	0	1	3,100
Brown Derby	0	0	1	3,400
Bruno	0	0	0	1,075
Brutus	1	0	0	1,675
Buckfastleigh	0	1	0	2,100
Bugle	1	2	3	2,900
Busylight	0	0	0	400
Casino	0	0	1	350
Catterick Bridge	3	0	0	4,125
Centre Court	1	0	0	750
Cheerful Star	1	1	1	3,325
Chiltern	0	0	0	3,301
Cockleford	0	0	2	2,000
Coloana	1	1	3	2,750
Colorado Star	0	0	3	2,150
Connibor	1	1	1	2,750
Contact	0	2	1	2,750
Corsair	1	0	3	1,000
Corvette	0	1	0	500
Crack Shot	1	0	1	1,200
Criffel	0	0	1	5,050
Dashing Beauty	1	0	0	600
Daylight	0	0	1	250

Derby Day	0	0	0	6,750
Devonian	0	1	0	4,450
Dick Turpin	0	2	0	3,225
Dignitas	0	0	1	200
Distance View	5	2	0	10,750
Double Finesse	1	0	1	5,600
Dutch Treat	1	0	0	2,000
Endeavour	2	2	2	5,575
Fair Chance	1	0	0	2,950
Far View	0	2	0	8,623
First Love	1	0	1	2,250
Fleetwing	2	2	0	4,200
Flying Dutchman	0	0	0	1,200
Franklin	0	0	0	1,200
Fresh Air	1	1	2	2,100
Gay Fox	1	0	2	1,800
Gloaming	1	0	0	1,750
Gold Rod	0	0	1	300
Googly	0	0	1	300
Graceful View	1	0	0	600
Happy Landings	0	0	0	3,100
Happy Returns	1	3	1	4,700
Harmony Star	1	0	0	600
Hascossay	0	1	1	1,000
Hole in One	1	0	0	1,000
Income Tax	0	0	0	1,950
Iron Belle	0	0	2	550
Joan	1	0	0	1,000
Jus Gentium	1	1	2	3,237
King's Flight	2	2	0	3,300
King's Welcome	0	1	0	600
Lancashire Chlps	1	0	1	13,665
Leading Star	1	0	0	1,000
Lex Fori	1	1	0	2,000
Locus Standi	0	0	0	400
Longdon	2	0	0	1,800
Lucky Lady	0	0	0	1,550
Mainsail	3	1	1	3,900
Manhattan	1	0	1	1,800
Man-O-War	2	1	0	1,800
Many Thanks	2	1	0	3,650
Maple Leaf	1	0	0	1,500
Maple Star	0	0	0	1,100
Marsh Warbler	1	0	1	2,150
Melody Star	0	0	0	1,400
Misty View	0	0	1	750
Moonlight	3	0	0	3,300
Mountain View	1	2	2	3,100
Murrumbidgee	0	0	0	2,950
National Courage	2	0	3	2,150
National Reform	0	1	0	300
National Victory	0	0	0	1,000
National Welfare	1	0	0	1,500
Never-Never	1	0	0	1,500
Newborn Star	0	1	3	1,400
Nomine Poenae	0	4	0	2,225
Odin	0	1	1	500
Ophir	0	1	0	500
Optima Fide	1	1	0	1,500
Oracle	1	2	0	3,100
Ozark	0	0	1	200
Piccadilly Jim	0	0	0	2,000
Pocahonts	0	0	0	600
Prairie View	0	3	3	2,600
Pumpkinickel	0	0	2	2,000
Quick Despatch	0	0	0	1,400
Ratio Decidendi	1	0	0	600
Rising Star	1	0	0	1,000
Riverside	0	1	0	300
Rivulet	0	0	0	1,400
Roofly	0	3	0	4,000
Rowan	1	0	1	2,000
Royal Sovereign	1	1	1	1,800
Ruby Star	0	0	0	1,500
Santa Anita	1	2	0	3,000
Sapper	3	0	0	11,000
Schmetterling	2	0	0	600
Sea Jay	0	0	1	1,000
Seal River	0	0	1	2,000
Sea Urchin	0	0	0	2,000
Seventy-Six	0	0	1	2,000
Shuttlecock	2	1	0	3,000
Snow White	0	1	1	600
Springhurst	1	3	0	3,000
Springshire	0	2	0	1,000
Starlight	0	0	1	300
Surprise Again	0	1	1	300
Sydney Diamond	0	1	0	300
Sydney Lady	0	2	2	1,000
Tarzan	0	0	0	1,000
The Koala Bear	0	1	2	1,000
The Nineteenth Hole	1	0	1	1,000
Tien Tien	1	1	0	1,000
Tobaccochip	0	0	2	2,000
Tomado Star	0	0	0	600
Triumphant Day	0	0	1	600
Tropical Love	1	0	0	600
Twinkling Star	0	3	0	1,000
United Express	4	0	0	10,000
Vanguard	1	1	1	1,000
Vanity Fair	1	0	1	2,000
Venus Bay	0	3	0	1,000
Viceroy	1	0	5	5,000
Violet Queen	0	0	0	5,000
Vls Major	0	2	0	5,000
Vitamin M	0	1	1	5,000
Vixen Tor	0	1	3	0,000
Warrego River	0	0	0	1,000
War Tax	0	0	1	1,000
Wayworth	1	0	0	1,000
Wimbo	1	0	0	1,000

As there are a number of good baseball players at V.R.C. who do not like playing in the hot weather, V.R.C. are entering a team in the Vain League.

U.S. NAVY MISCUED 13 TIMES IN GOING DOWN 18-16 TO H.K. ALL-STARS

By "Grandstand"

THE PORTUGUESE INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL SQUAD PROVED TO BE A FALSE ALARM AS THE STARS AND STRIPERS ELIMINATED THEM FROM THE SERIES WITH A 12 TO 2 HITTING SPREE ON SATURDAY, WHILST SUNDAY'S DOUBLE-HEADER WAS FEATURED BY A MULTITUDE OF ERRORS THE LAST-MINUTE MAKE-SHIFT GREAT BRITAIN CONTINGENT BUNGLING 16 CHANCES IN A FIVE INNING FRACAS IN WHICH THEY WERE SUBDUED BY THE CHINESE 18 TO 3.

Lou Pawloski's U.S. Navy "dough-nut" infield miscued 13 times in going down to Hong Kong All-Stars 18 to 16 in the second game of the Charity series—they lost the first 5 to 4.

It seems that this corner called the turn last Saturday when it doped that Lou Pawloski, Potent Polack, was losing his smoke, as he was shelled from the slab by the All-Stars in the first frame, after conceding a lead of four counters on three safeties, including Al Lau's three-run triple, and was connected for a two-run single in the fifth when he came in to relieve slabster Henry Ruel with the bases choked.

Tony To Rescue

Henry "Crooner" Ruel, replacing Pawloski on the mound in the second, yielded seven safeties for the next four frames, whilst Tony Mascavage, who was called in to put out the fire, tossed two hitless innings.

Both Pawloski and Ruel fanned one, but Ruel passed four to first during his mound tenure, whilst Ski walked two. Mound victor Wally "Dimples" Ching, who was called in to relieve Bill Chang after the latter had been blasted out of the box with a seven hit barrage to net the sailors nine runs in the first, whiffed one and issued one free pass to first.

All-Stars Rally

After overcoming a four-run deficit, the blue-jackets led 12 to 10 at the end of the fourth frame, but All-Stars staged an uprising in the fifth to regain the lead, by bunting the Navy infield ragged, and when the dust had cleared, seven runs had already crossed the pay-off station. All-Stars added another in the sixth, but the sailors slimmed the lead with four tallies on four solid blows in their half of the session.

Excitement reached fever pitch when the blue-jackets came up for their last time to bat, trailing two runs.

Gerry Gosano camped under Jersey Groncek's long hoist for the first eraure, whilst Hank All pulled down Earl Wilson's towering fly for the second out. Lou Pawloski grounded to short, and the fans were getting ready to leave when George Souza heaved a wild one to first-sacker Hank Chan.

Bases Loaded

Henry Ruel singled to advance Pawloski, whilst Souza bobbled again to souse the sacks. Mack McKenzie, who had fanned the breeze in his three previous batting attempts found himself walking up to the box for a chance to be the golden-haired hero of the day, but all he could do was to produce a weak pop fly, which Souza swallowed to end the game.

Henry Ruel, still strutting around on one leg, earned batting honours of the day with a four-in-five stickwork performance, whilst Hong Kongite Al Lau, and Tony Mascavage, the hammering hind-snatcher, both poled out triples. Lou Pawloski atoned for his poor mound performance with a handsome three-in-four willow welding, which included a brace of doubles.

Make-Shift Team

After delaying almost an hour behind schedule, "Sarge" Welford managed to round up a team from the spectators to make up the Great Britain squad which went down 18 to 3 to "Grandpa" Leung's Chinese contingent in a five inning game highlighted by Bob Foley's circuit clout.

Chinese slabster Al Lau whiffed five and walked three, whilst losing hurler Mack Shaw fanned five and passed two in a 13-hit massacre.

DID YOU KNOW?

A big league club buys two grey (road) and two white (home) uniforms for each player, but the player must buy his own bats, gloves and shoes.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Second Division League Tennis programme and some of the teams:—

C. R. C. A. v. K. C. C.
S. C. A. v. A. T. C.
C.R.C.I.—Ho Ka-lau and Choy Ping-tun; Ng Kam-chuen and Pang O-lam; Liang Sak-wai and Leung Ping-chiu.
S.C.A.A.—H. H. Ip and W. H. Ho; W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh; S. C. Dow and K. C. Wao.

To-morrow's Softball At Caroline Hill

Eddie (El Loco) Marques' Merry Madcaps will take on Harry Campos' Furioso nine in a friendly Softball encounter to-morrow afternoon at 6 p.m. at Caroline Hill.

It is understood that mentor Harry Campos will make an application to join the First Division of the League should his Furioso nine beat the Madcaps, whilst Eddie Marques is all out to maintain an unbeaten record.

WIN AND DEFEAT FOR NAVY "B"

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, Royal Navy "B" beat Middlesex "B" 2-1 on Sunday.

Last night European Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Navy "B" 4-2. N. D. Booker (2) A. F. May and L. A. Benn scored for "Y" and Lieut. H. G. Thompson (2) for Navy.

TO-DAY'S GAMES

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament.

AT ARMY POOL
"Y" v 5th A.A. R.A.
(6.30 p.m.)
36th R.A. v Royal Navy "B"
(7.00 p.m.)
8th R.A. v Middlesex "B"
(7.30 p.m.)
Signals v 965th R.A.
(8.00 p.m.)

Owing to pressure of work, F. Willis, who has been Hon. Secretary of European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament since its inauguration, has resigned from that post. F. Bevan, another member of the Royal Corps of Signals, is his successor.

It is understood on good authority that Hong Kong Area Swimming Championships have been postponed from September 7, to September 17, and that they will be held at Army Pool, Victoria Barracks.

European Y.M.C.A. are commencing their swimming championships this evening. They will be continued on Thursday night.

Bobby Jones's team, in a challenge match, has beaten the United States 1939 Ryder Cup team by 8½ points to 0½. The four-somes played on Saturday and Sunday resulted in a 3-2 lead for the Ryder Cup team. Ten singles were played yesterday.—Reuter.



Here are some of the United States players who beat Portugal (holders) 12 to 2 on Saturday to enter the Final, where they will meet China. From left to right are "Puddlejumper" Wilson, Lou Pawloski (manager), Pete Elder, Bowersox, "Greasy" Mcoro and Tony Mascavage. Behind Wilson, in the grandstand, is American second-string pitcher "Muddy" Ruel.

HONYWILL DOES WELL IN SHANGHAI

ROYAL NAVY MADE A WELCOME RETURN TO CRICKET IN SHANGHAI WHEN THEY MET A SCRATCH SHANGHAI CRICKET CLUB TEAM AND WON BY FOUR WICKETS. IT WAS A TWO-EVENING MATCH, CRICKET CLUB BATTING FIRST AND SCORING 109 WITH A. J. HARVEY TOP SCORER WITH 22, WHILE R. GATES HELPED WITH 20.

J. Honywill, Navy's footballer and Rugby player, did well with the ball, taking 5 for 31 in 11.1 overs.

Navy scored 126, Honywill hitting up 23 valuable runs. J. Maringer top-scored with 30 and W. Cumming made 20. Most successful bowler for S.C.C. was Harvey, who had 4 for 15.

Clubs requiring the services of referees or linesmen for pre-season friendly games are asked to communicate with Mr. Beard, at the N.A.A.F.I., or Mr. F. J. Silva, of the Treasury. Referees will welcome the opportunity of officiating at these games for the sake of training.

A. A. da Roza, who has only just taken up lawn bowls this season, is now a very keen novice jockey and is seen at the Race Course almost every morning. He was at one time a very promising swimmer but has been missed from competitive events for some time now.

Due to the fact that the Saturday morning "pown" at the Valley are held on the cinder track, the "gate" is not used for the start, and the field is sent away by the "flag system" with Mr. A. Potts No. 1 starter, ably assisted by Mr. C. W. Walker, manager of the Jockey Club Stables, in charge.

CHARLEY GEHRINGER FOR HALL OF FAME?

WE HEARD OVER THE NEWS THAT CHARLEY GEHRINGER, VETERAN SECOND BASEMAN OF THE DETROIT TIGERS, HAD DECIDED THAT HIS DAYS AS A REGULAR WERE OVER AND THAT HENCEFORTH HE WOULD PLAY ONLY OCCASIONALLY, WRITES G.M.R.H. IN "THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR."

This brought to mind his career as a member of the Detroit club. For a number of years we have considered him a definite candidate for baseball's Hall of Fame. Whether or not he makes it remains to be seen; but we believe that he certainly deserves the honour.

That many have not fully appreciated his ability as a second baseman is known. He has been such a smooth performer in the field that many of the plays he has made have looked so simple that they did not receive all the acclaim that they rated. In this respect he was much like the great Lajoie. He covered a lot of territory with ease.

His batting was also far above the average.

Considering the men who have played second base during the past 50 years it seems to us that there are five who stand out above the rest. They are Nap Lajoie, Eddie Collins, Rogers Hornsby, Frankie Frisch and Gehring. All great second basemen and batters.

Of these five there is no question but that Lajoie and Hornsby were the best batters. They were power-batters of the highest order and rank among the greatest of the game. Collins was also a great batter, although not quite up to their standard. He was, however, a better base runner and rates as one of the greatest of base stealers. Of these five Hornsby was also far better than the average third baseman and if we were to name an all-star team which should include two of the above five, we would certainly place him at third, and be willing to take either Lajoie, Collins or Gehring for the keystone position.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following are the two remaining games in the Fourth Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, and indications are that they will be played this afternoon:—

At Club de Recreio
W. B. Harris and A. Soutar v. N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan.
At Kowloon Bowling Green Club
S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar v. S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd.

N. L. Smith, Civil Service Cricket Club cricketer, is likely to be playing soccer more often for Hong Kong Football Club this season.

Competitors in the Singles Ten Pins Tournament at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys who find difficulty in contacting their opponents are requested to communicate with the manager of the Alleys, who will make the necessary arrangements for the game to be played.



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ATTITUDE OF IRAN

Statement By Premier To Iranian Parliament

PREMIERS ORDERED TO RESIGN

The Working Committee of the All-India Moslem League has unanimously passed a resolution calling on the three Premiers, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Fazlulhuq and Sir Mohamed Sandullah, to resign from the National Defence Council.

Sir Sikander and Sandullah expressed their willingness to resign while Fazlulhuq asked for time.

He was given 10 days' time to resign failing which the President, Mr. Jinnah, is authorised to deal with the matter.

It was stated in Bombay yesterday that as Sir Sikander and Sandullah have decided to resign the question of disciplinary action against them does not arise and it was added that failing receipt of a satisfactory reply from Fazlulhuq within the time allowed, the Committee had authorised Mr. Jinnah to take such action as he may deem proper and necessary.—Reuter.

Necessary Measures Taken

BRITISH FORCES HAVE BOMBED AND SHELLED SEVERAL IRANIAN TOWNS, ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN PREMIER, ADDRESSING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO THE TEHERAN RADIO.

The Premier said: "You all know that at the beginning of the present war, the Iranian Government in accordance with the wishes of the Shah, declared the strict neutrality of the country, which policy has been applied in every sense of the word, and to the best of our ability.

"We followed a policy of friendship and cordiaity with all countries in touch with Iran, especially our neighbours.

"Nevertheless, the British Government, in agreement with the Russian, presented a memorandum asking Iran to expel the majority of the Germans in the country.

"The Iranian Government assured those governments that Iran was watching every move

by all foreigners in the country and no danger could arise from the small number of Germans.

"With a view to calming Britain and Russia, the Iranian Government took special steps to reduce the number of Germans in the country and did their best to satisfy the British and Russian Governments.

Four A.M. Call

"It is most regrettable that despite all the efforts of the Iranian Government to preserve peace, the British and Soviet representatives, instead of discussing matters in a peaceful understanding way arrived at my house at 4 a.m. to-day with a threatening memorandum.

"According to reports reaching me, it appears that the British and Soviet forces crossed the border even before the representatives arrived at my house. The British have attacked ships in Iranian ports and British planes and guns have already bombed and shelled some Iranian towns.

"The Iranian authorities have taken all necessary measures to meet the situation."—Reuter.

CONVOY PUTS INTO LISBON

Fifteen merchant ships which are understood to be part of a convoy of 25 ships which was attacked by enemy aircraft and submarines off Cadiz on Friday while en route to Gibraltar from Britain, has arrived at the Tagus, it was learned in Lisbon yesterday.

According to the Lisbon newspaper, "Diariodenoticias" seven merchant ships were sunk in the fight following the attack while warships escorting the convoy were damaged.

Ships of the convoy which escaped tenacious pursuit saved the greater part of the crews of the ships that were lost.

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The evacuation of Novgorod is announced in the Soviet midnight communique which states: "During Monday our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the whole front. After tenacious fighting, our troops left Novgorod. In the course of August 24, 46 enemy planes were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost six planes. In the Black Sea, one of our warships sank a German submarine."—Reuter.



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LITTLE NEWS OF IRAN FIGHTING

According to the latest news from Iran available in authoritative circles in London yesterday afternoon, the British units which entered the country encountered some resistance but it is not yet known where this occurred or how serious the resistance was.

One British contingent made a landing from the sea in the Persian Gulf at Bandar Shapur. It is believed that this contingent met with some resistance but this is not definitely confirmed. The British forces entering Iran include both British and Indian troops but it is understood that no Dominion troops are involved. — Reuter.

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CONVOY ATTACKED

SEVEN SHIPS TOTALLING 10,000 TONS WERE LOST FROM A BRITISH CONVOY WHICH WAS ATTACKED OFF THE SPANISH COAST LAST WEEK, IT WAS LEARNED IN LISBON YESTERDAY. One corvette was the only vessel lost by the escort comparing the German claim to have sunk 25 ships and also to have destroyed two warships.—Reuter.

SABOTAGE ON FRENCH RAILWAYS

Hundreds of cases of "Communist" sabotage against the railways have been reported, according to the Court de Brion, Vichy envoy to Paris, in an interview with American journalists, states Lyons Radio.—Reuter.

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that the German Consulates in Cuba have been closed.—Reuter.

Budenny In Full Control In Southern Ukraine

THERE IS STILL NO CONFIRMATION IN LONDON THAT THE GERMANS HAVE ANY BRIDGE-HEADS ACROSS THE DNIEPER AND THE MAIN PART OF THE FIGHTING THUS REMAINS ON THE WEST OF THE RIVER.

TRADE BAN DECLARED

The Board of Trade in London yesterday made an order prohibiting all export of goods to Iran except under licence as from to-day.—Reuter.

Japan And Mr. Churchill

Authoritative Japanese sources in Tokyo have rejected Mr. Churchill's accusations, saying "Who is menacing whom?"

"Japan is not menacing anybody. Japan has not menaced anything."

Official Japanese reaction is not likely at least until the text is fully received.

It has been reported only sketchily.

Mr. Churchill's reference to alleged depredations of the Japanese military faction is labelled "just another attempt to depict a division of Japanese opinion and thereby to disintegrate Japanese unity which is wholly impossible." Japan's actions are said to be based upon the solid basis of unanimous national policy.

Alienating Thailand

Mr. Churchill's speech is designed to alienate Thailand from Japan, says the "Kokumin Shimbun"

The early morning papers generally follow the first reaction. Mr. Churchill's speech "is devoid of time and sense because the China conflict preceded the European war and therefore Japan cannot be imitating Hitler," the "Kokumin Shimbun" adds. China reconstruction is co-operative with the Indo-China

While circumstantial evidence shows that the Dnieper-Petrovsk Dam has been blown up no official statement has been received to that effect from the Russian Government.

Fighting continues to be intense on the Leningrad front but there has been no marked move. In the Smolensk-Gomel area it is known that the Russians are counter-attacking but no details have reached London. — Reuter.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent says that mention of fighting in the Dniepro-Petrovsk region is the first official mention of the southern Ukraine front since the Soviet admission of the fall of Krivoyrog and Kikolaiev last week.

In the interval, there have been important new German purchases in the Gomel and Novgorod sectors, but the southern Ukraine did not lose in importance.

German insistence on the fact that the Russians were holding the Dnieper bridgeheads was clear indication that the Russians were methodically withdrawing and that the Germans had failed either to encircle Marshal Budenny's army or any large part of it, or to gain control of any of the crossings of the lower Dnieper.

Rearguard Action

There is strong reason to believe that the mention of Dniepro-Petrovsk in yesterday's communiqué refers to a successful rearguard action.

The question arises: What good to the Germans are the occupied parts of the Ukraine? They must reckon with the passive resistance of the peasants and furthermore, in the long run, the Ukraine, with its almost completed tractorised agriculture, will be quite useless unless the Germans are able to provide vast quantities of petrol — which obviously they cannot.

The plight of the peasants under the Nazis is grievous, but most of them will no doubt manage to survive for a time with clandestine stocks.

advance, agreed freely and peacefully by Vichy, whereas it is Britain who is bearing pressure in South Asia, the paper claims.

Official circles deny knowledge of Japanese-American basic negotiations which were hinted at by Mr. Churchill although reports from Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, have not been received recently. — Reuter.

New Allies

The important thing has happened which, if it continues, may have an enormous effect in slowing up German operations on all or many parts of the front.

It is the entry into the war of Russia's allies, Rain and Mud. It has been raining heavily for 24 hours and the roads, other than the not very numerous main roads, have become bogged.

Movements of tanks across country are unlikely for the present, either on the soft soil of the

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MOSLEM STATES NOTIFIED

(BY REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

The British Government yesterday morning notified Iran's neighbours and two other Moslem states of the action taken in Iran and the reasons therefore.

The countries concerned are Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia.

The Turkish Government, in particular, have been assured that His Majesty's Government pledge themselves in all circumstances to do nothing that would damage Turkey's interests.

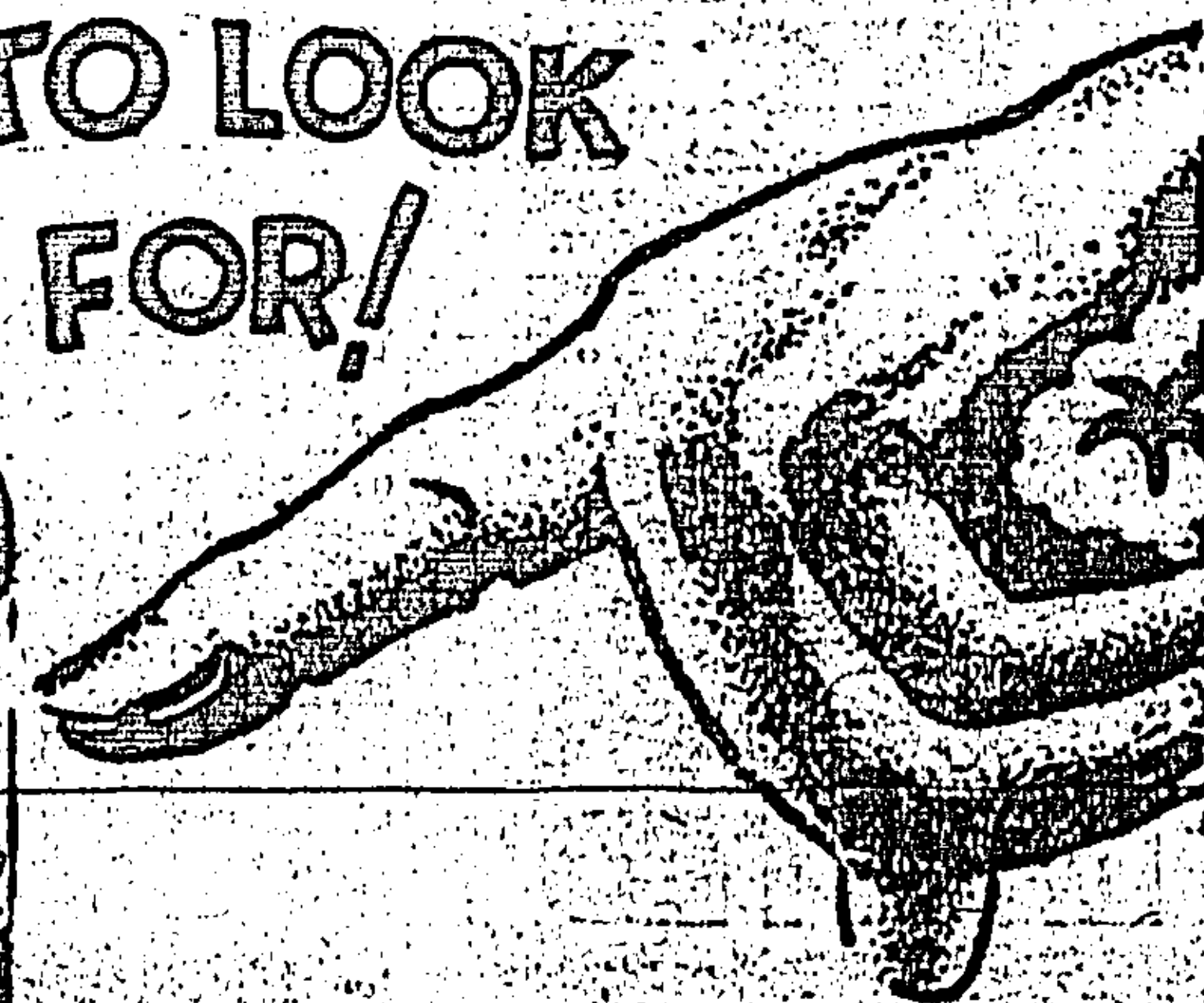
The assurance given Iran regarding her political independence and territorial integrity was conveyed to the Turkish Government. The British Government specially has undertaken to interfere as little as possible with domestic economy and life in Iran.

The United States Government also has been kept fully informed of the action taken by the British and Soviet Governments. — Reuter.

JOINS ROOSEVELT CABINET

President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Francis Biddle, the Solicitor-General, to be the new Attorney-General of the United States.—Reuter.

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SOVIET NOTE TO TEHERAN

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Action Based Upon Treaty Clause

NEWS OF THE SOVIET and British decision to deal effectively with the danger which the situation in Iran presented to both powers in their struggle against Germany was announced on the radio in the fullest detail to the Russian people, says a London message.

It does not come as any surprise to informed observers, and the measured terms of the Soviet Note handed to the Iranian Ambassador speak for themselves. They make the claim that there is no question of any aggression by the Soviet which is acting entirely in self-defence in sending troops into Iran, and bases the action on the clause in the Soviet-Iranian Treaty.

BRITAIN'S ONE WOMAN GENERAL

Slim, 33-year-old Mrs. Jean Knox took over control of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service branch of the army and promised its 50,000 members she would give them a snappier uniform.

With the rank of major general—the first and only woman to hold such rank in the army—she sits at a big desk in a big room in the War Office. The mother of a 14-year-old girl and wife of an R.A.F. squadron leader, she is the youngest general in the British Army.

Mrs. Knox hopes the new four-paneled skirt and tailored jacket she designed for her troops to replace the old plain-cut khaki skirt and coat will coax more girls into the A.T.S. to give her army 200,000 by Christmas. Its jobs are cooking, secretarial, communications and other work in the army that women can do to relieve men for fighting.

The A.T.S. ranks have been full of complaint about their dress on the ground that the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and the Women's Royal Naval Service, with their smart uniforms, have been getting all the dates.

"I maintain you have to give women the smartest uniforms possible to get the best work out of them," said Mrs. Knox. "A woman is affected by the way she looks. It she doesn't feel smart she doesn't work smartly."

Mrs. Knox succeeded 62-year-old Dame Gwynne-Vaughan, who had been controller of the A.T.S. since 1939.

CAIRO EXCITED

Great excitement prevailed in Cairo as news gradually spread of the joint Anglo-Russian military action in Iran.

It was felt that it was the first step towards strengthening the weak link in the chain of Middle East Countries.

King Farouk's sister is married to the son of the Shah of Iran otherwise there is little in the way of cultural relations between the two countries.

The Iranian Government had been given three separate warnings regarding the attitude which the Soviet Government would be obliged to take in view of the continued activity in Iran of German agents.

From the early part of last year there had been a steady flow of these agents through the Balkans and Turkey on their way to Iran, and in recent months it became increasingly clear that these agents have obtained considerable influence through the commercial enterprises they were running or helping to run.

It is felt in London that no such situation could be allowed to brew in Iran as was produced in Iraq, and the Soviet-British decision nips in the bud any such possibility.

No Designs

At the same time the terms of the Soviet Note make it very clear that the Soviet Union has no territorial designs on Iran. The fact that the British and Soviet Governments are acting in concert will be welcomed in London as further practical proof of their determination to act jointly in crushing Hitler's plans.—Reuter.

Indian Wheat For Iran

Sixty thousand tons of wheat have already been sent from India to Iran, it was learned in Simla.

This wheat is for the people of Iran with whom Britain has no quarrel and the whole of the normal supplies have been seriously depleted by earlier Axis demands.

Steps are also being taken to send supplies of other essential commodities to Iran.

It is estimated that there are at present about 3,000 Indians in Iran, mainly in oilfields and in Meshed Aram in the north-west. Precautionary measures regarding Iranian Consulates in India will, it is expected, be taken immediately.—Reuter.

which because they belong to opposing Moslem sects are sharply divided on religious grounds.

Unofficial observers consider that operations in Iran are likely to take two forms—firstly, the linking of British and Russian forces by the shortest cut and secondly the drive to the north from Basrah.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S TREBLE REPLY FEAT

Mr. Stokes (Lab., Ipswich) had a tilt at the Prime Minister at question time in the House of Commons the other day.

Had the Prime Minister, he asked, noticed the increasing frequency with which the Minister of Defence (the Prime Minister) answered inquiries addressed to the three defence Departments, and did he realise that this procedure did not suit the convenience of hon members?

"No, I do not take that view," Mr. Churchill replied.

DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

The Duchess of Gloucester will not, for the next few months, be undertaking any further public engagements.—Reuter.

HUGE ARMS FACTORY OPENS

What is considered to be the world's largest factory making aerial bombs began operations in Ellwood (Illinois) over the weekend.

A steady stream of bombs rolls off the assembly line which is a mile long.

Work on the factory began in November 1940 under contract calling for completion within a year's time so that production has started more than three months ahead of schedule.

The supervising officer is Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Gerber, who says that the plant comprises 23 square miles of buildings and magazines. The factory cost \$30,000,000.—Reuter.

SHAH DEPENDENT ON NAZI-INSPIRED ADVICE

(By The Former Chief British Commissioner in Trans-Caucasia)

PERSIANS ARE APT to look inward and not outward. This reflects, too, the outlook of the present dynasty. The Shah has hardly ever gone beyond the confines of Iran, and during the last 20 years has become more and more unapproachable.

For his knowledge of foreign affairs, therefore, he has had to depend entirely upon advice and some of this may not have been altogether disinterested.

For years Iran, and to a lesser degree, Iraq, had been the hotbed of German intrigue, directed against India and the whole of the Middle East, and latterly these subversive activities have also embraced Russia.

The joint Anglo-Russian action, designed to circumvent this intrigue, and to forestall any Nazi coup d'etat, will consequently be welcomed throughout the Islamic countries, especially as it is emphasised that Iran's political independence and territorial integrity are not at stake.

As the Russians are said to be entering Iran from the Caucasus, it can be assumed that they are marching on Tabriz which is on the direct road to Teheran, and is connected to the Baku oil centre, and to Tiflis, on the Russian oil pipeline by railway.

Rail Routes

As the British are entering from the South, it seems that General Wavell has decided to make the most of Iran's principal rail route. This runs from Bandar Shahpur on the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea at Bandar Shah and passes through Teheran on its way. There is no direct connection between this line and the Russian railways, but there is a short line some 70 miles long which runs from Tabriz to a point near the Turkish-Soviet-Iran border, joining the railway between the Russian Black Sea port of Batum and the other oil port of Baku on the Caspian Sea.

Thus the Anglo-Russian advance at once safeguards the railways and does much to protect more than one great oil-bearing centre.

Road Problems

Iran's roads—mainly poor in quality—will provide few difficulties for mechanised and semi-mechanised transport, and though much of the terrain is mountainous, this will not come amiss to General Wavell's forces, most of whom will have had Indian front-

tier experience where conditions are much more arduous.

As the British can operate from Quetta, in Baluchistan, as well as from the Persian Gulf, communications need not necessarily depend entirely upon sea-borne traffic.

It is true that distances are great, but Quetta can afford to think in terms of distance as she has a ready and adequate supply of high grade petrol practically on her own doorstep, in the oil wells and refineries of Northern India.—Reuter.

CREATION OF NEW LINK IN MIDDLE EAST

NEWS OF THE ADVANCE into Iran caused great relief throughout the countries covered by the Middle East Command who had been highly conscious of this weak link in the great front which now stretches from West Africa to Singapore.

It is still not known whether the Iranian forces intend to offer resistance but it is thought in Cairo that if resistance is offered it will not be on as large a scale as it was in Syria.

The Iranian Army is believed to number about 19 divisions and is said to be well-trained, but it is lacking in modern equipment. It is reported that their air force consists of only 10 modern aircraft while there are even fewer tanks, of German make.

There is a possibility that the Germans may try and send reinforcements by air but the

fact that Russia is acting in cooperation with Britain will make this most difficult. An advance from Iraq should lead to the rapid linking up of the British and Russian troops. This step towards the creation of a front stretching from Murmansk southwards to the Middle East, Cairo, to Basrah, makes a great arc on Germany's east-facing road.—Reuter.

THURSTON CAUGHT

Stanley Thurston, escaped convict, "the man whom no gaol can hold," was arrested in London yesterday after 152 days' liberty.

He had no identity card, no ration book and no gas mask.

Thurston who is aged 31, escaped from the grim high-walled prison, Dartmoor, on March 25, where he was serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention, passed in August, 1930, for housebreaking and larceny and for being a habitual criminal. Dartmoor is the fifth prison from which he has escaped.—Reuter.

FRANCE MADE HIM ILL

Concern over France is believed to have caused the serious illness of the seventy-one-year-old Bishop de Boisgarnier, head of the Sacred Heart Mission on Yule Island, Papua.—Reuter.

Germans Fail To Establish Bridgeheads Over Dnieper

Communiques Tell Little

BOTH THE LATEST Russian and German communiques are exceedingly laconic and add nothing to our knowledge of the situation on the eastern front, writes "Annalist" in London commenting on the Soviet-German military situation.

The Russian communique speaks of severe fighting at Kexholm, Novgorod and Dniepro-Petrovsk while a German communique says operations are proceeding satisfactorily according to plan.

CLARION CALL AND INSPIRATION

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. Hughes, in Sydney yesterday described Mr. Churchill's speech as "a clarion call inspiring the British people to an iron resolve to conquer."

He stated the Premier's declaration of policy towards Russia would be received with loud acclaim throughout the Empire.—Reuter.

MEDAL AT HIS BENCH

While a machine-setter was working at his bench in a North-East arms factory, the King decorated him with the medal of the Order of the British Empire.

He was Matthew Bradley, local official of the A.E.U. He was given the medal in the Birthday Honours, as a mark of appreciation of the increased production in his factory.

While the brief "Investiture" took place the drills and other machines were working, and Bradley's shopmates looked up from their benches.

"I want to say thank you for the honour on behalf of all the skilled workers here," Bradley told the King.

Honour To All

"It is their honour just as much as mine." The King and Queen, who were nearing the end of their two days' tour of Tyneside and Durham, also visited the shipyards.

As their Majesties walked between the ranks of shipwrights and other workers two of the men held up a blackboard on which was chalked: "We will whack 'em, nothing surer, Fatty Goering and his Fuehrer."

Looking at a number of boy "pickers," who assist the riveters, the Queen said: "Now that clothes are rationed the boys will have to wear their fathers' clothes cut down?"

"That's what we do already," said one of the boys, with a grin.

It would seem therefore that neither side has any special claim to record and that no further German advance has been scored in the Leningrad sector.

Independent information suggests that Marshal Timoshenko's counter-offensive is gathering momentum east of Kiev and may relieve German pressure in the Dnieper Bend where the famous industrial centre of Dniepro-Petrovsk is mentioned for the first time.

Odessa Thorn

There is, however, no suggestion that the Germans have anywhere been able to establish themselves on the east bank of the river.

The German admission that Russian bridgeheads are being attacked suggests that Marshal Budenny is still in comfortable control of the river and that the Russian garrison at Odessa is proving a nasty thorn in the German flank.

Iran Move

THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, IS TAKING PLACE IN THE REGION OF CAUCASUS WHERE THE BRITISH AND RUSSIAN FORCES ARE LIKELY TO ESTABLISH A JUNCTION VERY SOON.

Effect of this open and expeditious route for supplies and, if necessary, reinforcements, should have an appreciable result on operations in southern Russia.

Possibilities of early Royal Air Force collaboration must not be overlooked.—Reuter.

DUSSELDORF RAID

OPERATIONS BY BRITISH BOMBERS WERE STILL RESTRICTED BY BAD WEATHER ON SUNDAY NIGHT STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Communications and industrial objectives at Dusseldorf were sharply attacked.

Three bombers are missing. An aircraft of the Coastal Command is missing from patrol over the North Sea on Sunday morning.—Reuter.

TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

British patrols at Tobruk are active despite continued enemy artillery and mortar fire, states a communique from British Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

One dive-bombing attack during the day did only minor damage. In the frontier area there was intermittent artillery fire and some patrol activity.—Reuter.



Brilliant and warm sunshine in England this summer was certainly appreciated by these holiday girls. Here is an angle picture as they enjoyed a ball game.

TWENTY TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON TRIPOLI

BRITISH BOMBERS are still busy in the Middle East. A large force of heavy bombers during Sunday night dropped nearly twenty tons of bombs on docks and supply and petrol dumps at Tripoli.

Many direct hits were obtained, says the R.A.F. communique, and more than 30 fires were started, one of them so big that it was visible 135 miles away.

BETTER FOOD FOR LIFEBOATS

Regulations improving the rations carried by lifeboats are to be issued shortly.

It will come as a surprise to most people to know that although Nazi unrestricted submarine and air warfare often condemns merchant seamen to drift for days in lifeboats, the food supplies carried in the boats have remained unchanged since the original regulations were adopted many years ago. Demands for improvement were made to the Ministry of Shipping by the National Union of Seamen and the Merchant Officers' Federation.

Pump Needed

Under the new scale the present provision of water, condensed milk and biscuits will be replaced by biscuits, milk tablets, chocolate, pemmican and water. It will be obligatory to carry airtight and rust-protected containers for the

After the bombing attack, the British aircraft machine-gunned objectives in the harbour area and on the aerodrome at Mellaha.

The attack was carried out from a very low altitude.

During the same night, other aircraft bombed the enemy encampments in the Sollum and Bardia and Gambut regions.

Medium bombers attacked two enemy schooners and an escort vessel in the Gulf of Sirte. One schooner and the escort vessel were sunk. The other schooner was left apparently sinking.

R.A.F. fighters in the Mediterranean intercepted a number of German dive-bombers which attempted to attack British shipping and shot one down into the sea.

Photos show that an enemy merchant ship attacked by bombers at Tripoli on the night of August 21, has sunk. Positions in the Debarach region of Abyssinia were bombed on Sunday and bodies of troops were machine-gunned.

All aircraft returned safely from these operations.—Reuter.

foods. Where space permits, provision of increased quantities of the specified foods is recommended, and also the carrying of nuts and dried fruits.

Another reform will be the supplying of a hand-pump to each lifeboat in a foreign-going ship. Formerly, only a bucket and baler were furnished.

IF JAPAN HEEDS

The Indian press approvingly features Mr. Churchill's broadcast assuring the world of ultimate triumph for the defenders of freedom and warning Japan.

The "Madras Mail," referring to the warning to Japan, says there is no ambiguity about the warning. If Japan heeds it, well and good, if not the fight will be on and we have no doubt as to who will win.

The "Indian Express" says: "Mr. Churchill's speech is an indication that the war has taken a hopeful turn from the British standpoint, and forces are well on hand for rendering Japanese aggression otiose and stifling the Nazi hold on Europe."

The "Statesman" in making reference to Mr. Churchill's straight talking to Japan, says that every effort will be made to secure a peaceful settlement with Tokyo, but if this hope is disappointed, Great Britain will range herself unhesitatingly on the side of the United States.

The "Madras Hindu" comments that it is no doubt understandable that Britain and America are averse to provoking a conflict on the Pacific if it can be avoided.—Reuter.

CONVOY PUTS INTO LISBON

Fifteen merchant ships which are understood to be part of a convoy of 25 ships which was attacked by enemy aircraft and submarines off Cadiz on Friday while en route to Gibraltar from Britain, has arrived at the Tagus; it was learned in Lisbon yesterday.

According to the Lisbon newspaper, "Diariodoticias," seven merchant ships were sunk in the fight following the attack while warships escorting the convoy were damaged.

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MIGHTY FORTRESS

"I was greatly impressed by the keenness and bearing of the soldiers and the organisation of the defences. Under the able guidance of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, and his colleagues, our defences are rapidly being strengthened and Singapore is developing into a mighty fortress where an atmosphere of cordiality prevails," said the Maharajah of Patiala on his return from Malaya.

He added that the Indian troops were very happy and in high spirits, and were ready to play their worthy role in the defence of the Empire and the Motherland.—Reuter.

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HITLER'S STRATEGY IN EAST NO SECRET

HITLER'S STRATEGY in the East is no secret, involving as it does a drive through the Caucasus to Iran, through Afghanistan and then on to India, it is declared in London.

It is held that the Nazi preparations for the occupation of Iran were identical with those of all other countries earmarked for German "development."

It is known that at the German Legation in Teheran, the Iranian capital, there is installed the usual corps of so-called attaches and experts, who are intensely busy—this time with the sham industrialisation of an essentially agrarian country.

Iran was also the refuge of Raschid Ali following the ill-fated Iraqi revolt and although he has now left Iran, another dangerous personality, the Mufti of Jerusalem—that ace provocateur of Palestine strife—also travelled to Teheran and still finds sanctuary there.

Strategic Value

Iran was selected by Hitler as the country which would be of immense strategic value in preparing an advance into the rich Baku oil fields, and later his armies would benefit from the groundwork accomplished by resident Nazi Iranian representatives in any drive upon India.

This is the background on the Iran development. The fifteen million people of Iran live in an area three times the size of France, in a country whose climate is arid or semi-arid, and whose mountain ranges and deserts forms its main defence.

Oil Temptation

Iran in the past has been conquered from the west and the south and in those days the invaders were not as desperate as are to-day Nazis for Iran's 60,000,000 barrels of oil which her wells produce annually. The development by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company of the country's oil resources has to-day made it the No. 3 oil producer of the world.

Although the Persians are doughty fighters, they have little to-day but their traditional courage with which to oppose any panzer drive.

"NEW EUROPE" MOVE REPORT

The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times" says that official German quarters characterise as "a fantasy" the forecast by Dr. Martin Fuchs that Hitler intends to proclaim a "United States of Europe" under German management.

The officials claim that this does not correspond with German intentions.

(Dr. Fuchs, who at one time was head of the former Austria Government's Press Bureau, stated that Hitler planned this "All-European Federation as a psychological manoeuvre to offset the swing of American opinion towards aid to Britain.)

FRITZ TOLD HE THINKS TOO MUCH

GERMAN UNITY IS NOT ALL THE NAZI BIG-SHOTS WOULD HAVE THE FREE WORLD BELIEVE.

Evidence of this was provided by a talk on the German radio.

"Think only in terms of National Socialism," it exhorted the German people.

"The average German has a tendency to think too much of his own personality, and everywhere there are and always will be different political opinions. These lead to political discussions.

"For Germans," said the speaker, "there is only one stronghold and one safety; and that is National Socialism."

WANTS NEW AND BETTER M.P.S

New and better people will be needed in Parliament and in local government after the war Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, M.P., declared recently.

"We shall want some extraordinary people in this country and we are not growing them," said Mr. Lindsay.

"We shall want an entirely new type of local and municipal administrator, and new types of people to serve in local government."

"I am not at all certain that we shall not want an entirely different type of people in central government, for I cannot believe that the flower of my generation, at any rate, found himself before the war in Parliament."

ALL DONE BY MIRROR

A Buenos Aires surgeon has operated on himself for appendicitis, using a mirror and a local anaesthetic, says Paris radio.

SHE'S PTE. SMITH NOW

Volunteer Smith, of the A.T.S., is now to be known as Private Smith. If she shows herself to be a thoroughly trained and efficient "soldier," she is entitled to fourpence a day extra, the War Office announces.

Ranks are altered to correspond with those of the Army. A sub-leader, for instance, becomes a corporal, and there are three new appointments, warrant officer class 1, staff-sergeant and lance-sergeant.

Members are to be referred to as auxiliaries.

Army Rank Badges

Officers will now hold commissions, get more pay, and wear Army badges of rank.

Another innovation is an additional 2d. a day for privates after each year's service up to two years and 4d. a day after three years.

Daily rates (with 4d. a day war pay) now range from 8s. 4d. for warrant officer class 1 to 1s. 8d. for a private (2s. 4d. after three years' service).

HERO IS CLEARED

A young police constable, Charles Manners, recently commended by the King for bravery in rescuing people trapped during an air raid, was found not guilty at Birmingham of inflicting grievous bodily harm on a man he was arresting.

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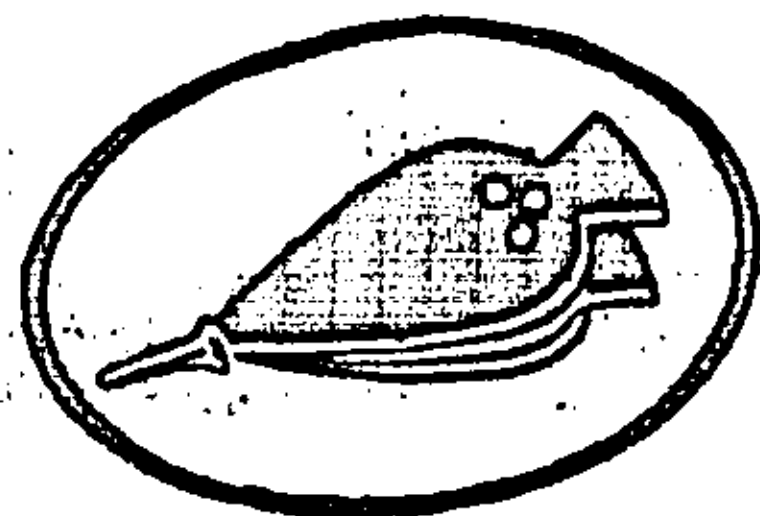
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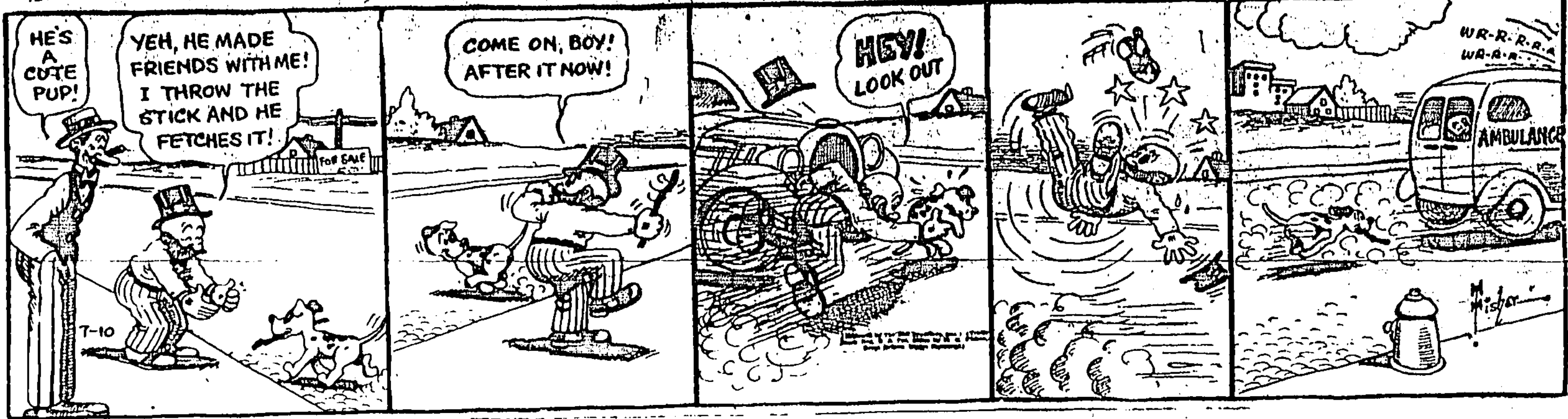
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PROBABLE BRITISH LINES OF ADVANCE IN IRAN

SWEDEN TAKES NOTE

Mr. Churchill's references to Japan are particularly stressed in the Swedish newspapers.

The "Dagbladet" calls the warning to Japan a noteworthy utterance and underlines the declaration that the policy of trade restrictions which followed after the last war will not be repeated.

"Dagens Nyheter" states that the reference to Japan was made "with sharpness of tone."

There is nothing new in the speech about American aid to Britain, says the "Tidningen," but it reveals that Britain and the United States are alongside in the event of war with Japan.

The paper also stresses Mr. Churchill's statement that the Axis Powers will be disarmed while the democracies will retain their arms.

All the papers give prominence to the figures given by Mr. Churchill of the German losses in Russia.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

IT IS LEARNED authoritatively in London yesterday that the British Minister in Teheran saw representatives of the Iran Government at a very early hour yesterday morning to inform them of the British views and intentions.

The action which the British Government has taken of a military character in Iran is directed exclusively against the Germans.

Great Britain is not at war with Iran. They will be dealt with in the same manner as were the people of Iraq who were also drawn into the tangled scheme of the Nazi intrigues.

Although no details have yet transpired, it is clear that British military efforts must be directed towards two main ends: safeguarding the Iranian oilfields and keeping open the line of communications with Soviet Russia in the Caucasus.

TWO OBVIOUS LINES OF ADVANCE ARE THUS INDICATED, ONE BEING FROM MOSUL AND BAGHDAD TOWARDS

URUMIAH AND TABRIZ, THE OTHER FROM BASRAH TO GUARD THE OILFIELDS.

Futility Of Resistance

It is possible that troops from Baluchistan may advance across the southern boundaries of Iran to complete the occupation and convince Teheran of the futility of resistance.

The Persian Army is small, badly equipped and not likely to offer serious resistance. They have not constituted an actual menace in themselves but have been a potential source of trouble and real interference with the Allied war effort owing to the presence of several hundred Nazi agents and fifth columnists. This has been the great danger.

Direct Link

The British action is taken in full agreement with Soviet Russia and it is clear that a direct link will now be established with the Russian forces in Caucasus. This will be the most important consequence of German intrigues and it will enable British and American aid to pour into Russia from the shortest route not exposed to Axis attacks.

The fact that a common front will have been established on Turkey's eastern frontier will be a further source of strength to the Turkish Government which is thus assured of Allied backing on all its Asiatic land frontiers.

Undoubtedly, there will be a howl of rage from Nazi propaganda organs but this will only indicate the measure of Nazi disappointment at the foiling of their aims.—Reuter.

DECLINES COMMENT

MR. CORDELL HULL, SECRETARY OF STATE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST.

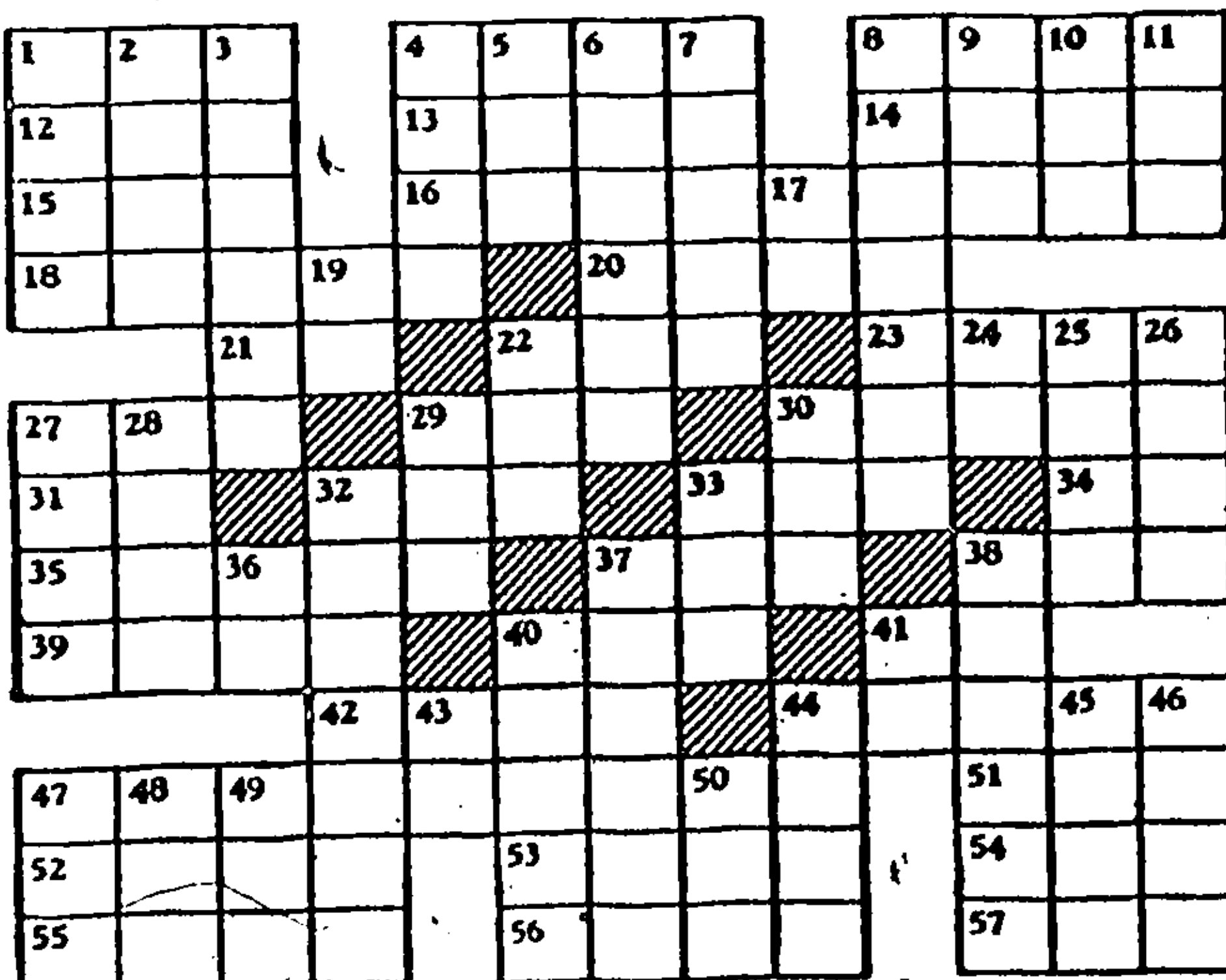
He said that the United States was holding only informal talks with Japan and he indicated that the United States were not willing to compromise in any way on the fundamental principles of her policies.—Reuter.

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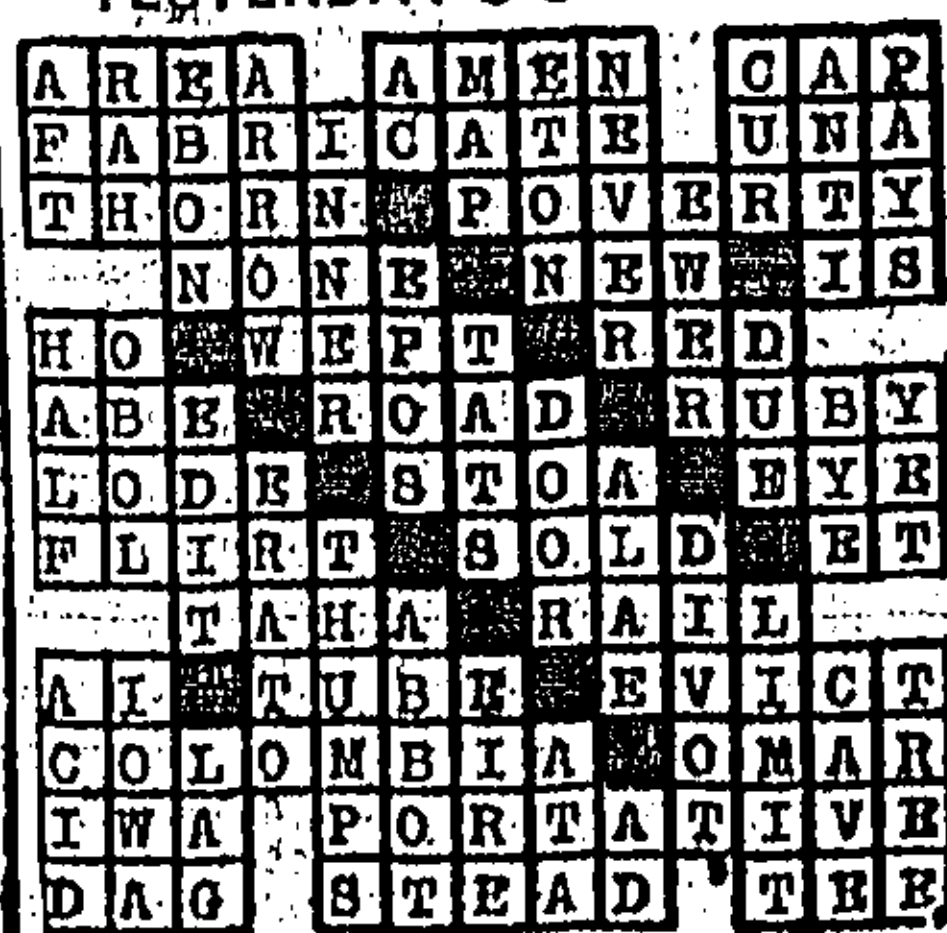
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Rodent
- 4 To transmit
- 5 Withered
- 12 Malt beverage
- 13 Fencing sword
- 14 Grasped
- 15 Male adult
- 16 Disaster
- 18 Brazilian drink
- 20 To run slowly
- 21 Conjunction
- 22 Plaything
- 23 God of love
- 27 Malay gibbon
- 29 Centre
- 30 Outer garment
- 31 River in Siberia
- 32 Ditch
- 33 Coquettish
- 34 Italian for "yes"
- 35 Volcano in Martinique
- 37 Evil
- 38 Siamese coin
- 39 European
- 40 To knock
- 41 Because
- 42 Biblical garden
- 44 To attach

VERTICAL

- 1 Hindu religious hero
- 2 Cry of sorrow
- 3 Stretching muscle
- 4 Prefix: half
- 5 Final
- 6 Ancient Greek counselor
- 7 To clamour against
- 8 Majestic
- 9 Vast age
- 10 Fabulous bird
- 11 To acquire with difficulty
- 17 Stop!
- 19 Land measure
- 22 Child
- 24 Artificial language
- 25 Kilm
- 26 Playlet
- 27 Cuts off
- 28 Son of Adam
- 29 Tip
- 30 Food fish
- 32 Opposite
- 33 Hat
- 36 Note of scale
- 37 Fruit
- 38 Clever
- 40 Recalcitrant
- 41 Sloth
- 43 To act
- 44 Carved
- 45 To exult
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- 47 To append
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- 49 To fasten
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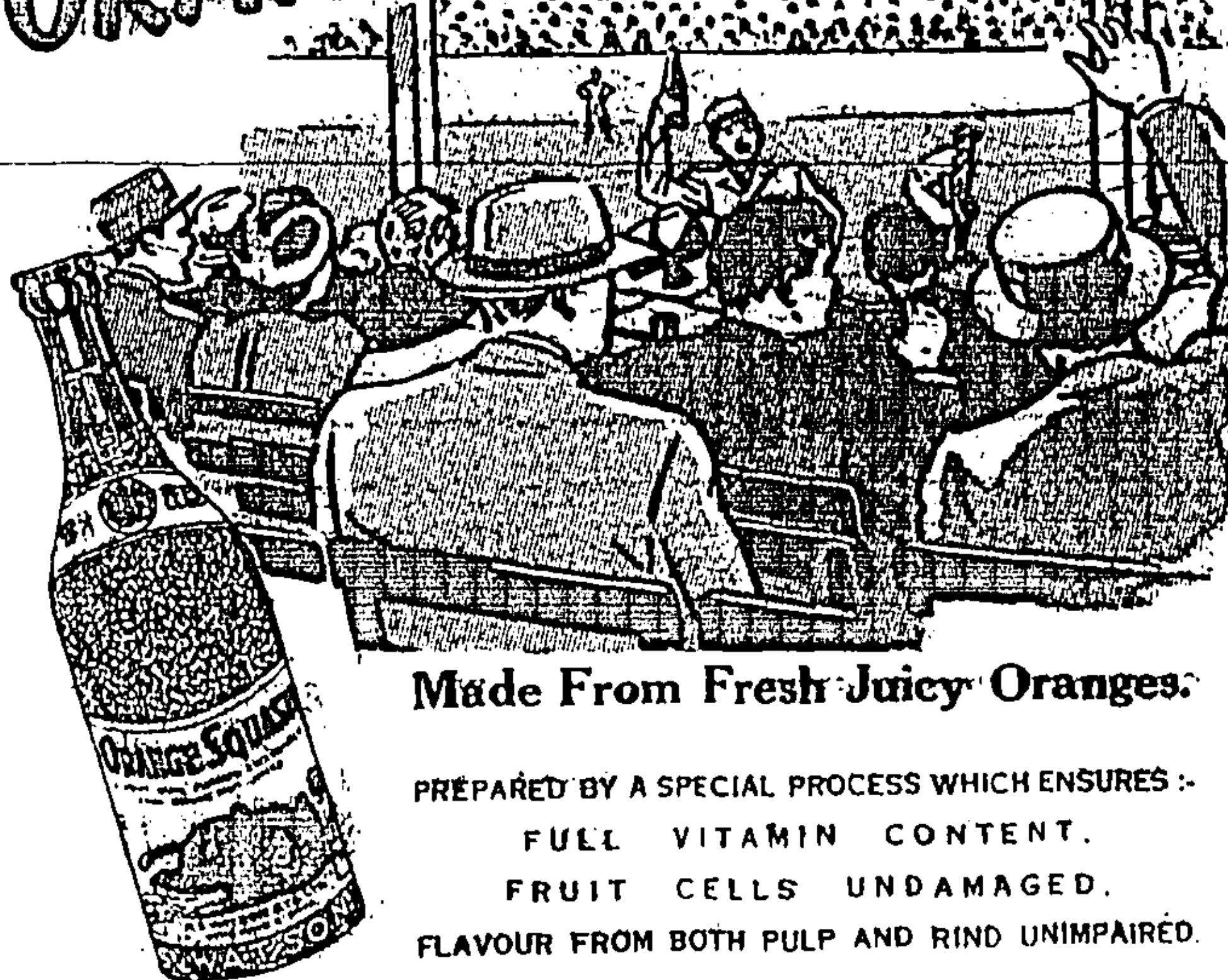
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DENTZ WAS AN ACTIVE NAZI AGENT

(By Russell Hill)

GEN. HENRI FERNAND DENTZ, until July 16 French High Commissioner for the mandated territory of Syria and Lebanon, has been a willing and active agent of Nazi Germany. This is evident now in the light of information about his activities during the last few months gained by this correspondent from diplomatic circles at Beirut.

This husky, curt-mannered Alsatian general, who kept repeating a desire to defend France's honour, appears, on the basis of these reports, to have been the No. 1 Fifth Columnist in the French Levant.

He took his order from two sources: Admiral Jean Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier — and not from Chief of State Marshal Henri Petain — and the German armistice commission. Dentz maintained the closest relations with Darlan.

Dentz not only obeyed orders but willingly cooperated in the Nazis' attempts to block Great Britain on every possible occasion, as these diplomatic reports show.

Events of the days just preceding the cessation of Syrian hostilities showed how Dentz worked. While he was asking the British — through Cornelius Van H. Engert, American Consul General at Beirut — for armistice terms, he was doing all he possibly could to diminish the value to the British of any agreement that might be reached.

Block-Ships

Dentz knew that any armistice terms would include a demand that all ships in Syrian ports be handed over intact to the British. On the same day that he requested armistice proposals he sank three British ships lying in Beirut harbour. His idea was not only to destroy the vessels but, by sinking them, to block the harbour, though the latter purpose failed of accomplishment.

At the same time, two French destroyers and eight or ten merchant vessels left Beirut and sailed for the Turkish port of Alexandretta, where they would be interned, thus preventing their falling into British hands.

Dentz knew that the British, in their armistice terms, would demand that French military aeroplanes be surrendered. These planes were, almost without exception, flown from their Syrian bases and now are in Axis-controlled countries.

While the representatives sent by Dentz to Acre, Palestine, were negotiating for the armistice in Syria he gave orders to rush the transportation of Lebanese silk and other products, which were stored at Aleppo, across Turkey on the way to Germany. This silk is preferred by the Germans to that from Japan for making parachutes.

Telltale Documents

Burned

These valuable documents were put to other good use, Vichy uses as well. For example, it gave time to burn many incriminating documents which would have given the British information regarding Nazi activities in Syria.

Dentz first asked the British for terms of an armistice three weeks before an agreement finally was reached. Informed of the British terms, he continued fighting meanwhile and did not inform the American Consul General, Engert, who was representing the interests of the British in arranging for armistice discussions, that he had decided to have British officers taken prisoners in Syria flown to France.

This became known, however, and a number of French officers corresponding to that of the British are being held until the latter are returned.

The most flagrant complicity shown by Dentz probably was his cooperation with the Nazis in their endeavours to infiltrate into key positions in Syria and to establish an elaborate spy system — a system extremely difficult to destroy.

The Nazis were allowed to establish consulates with large staffs in the smallest towns in

Syria, although it was obvious what their true function was.

"For The King Of Prussia"

Naturally, these men had to leave before the British took over in Syria but they were able to establish their organisation. They left funds behind so that it will be able to continue to function. Their agents, I have learned, are receiving even now from 700 to 800 Syrian pounds (about \$400) monthly.

Dentz had defended the territory with Lebanese troops in the front line. The League of Nations in establishing a mandate prohibits the mandatory power, in this case France, from conscripting natives to fight the governing power's wars. Dentz, however, prevailed upon the President of Lebanon to make a written request that he (Dentz) defend Lebanon against the foreign invader, meaning the British. For this purpose the services of the Lebanese troops were offered Dentz.

These troops were fighting for the same cause as the French soldier who, asked why he risked his life, answered: "Nous mourons pour le roi de Prusse (We are dying for the King of Prussia)."

JUDAS

AND FRIEND

"You can't always judge people by their looks.

"Judas may have been quite good looking and judging by his photographs Admiral Darlan is quite a charming man." — Mr. St. John Hutchinson K.C. at London Sessions.

INDIAN ARMY COMRADESHIP

A perfect spirit of comradeship and mutual respect prevails between the British and Indian troops on the fronts in which they are fighting shoulder to shoulder, declared an Indian officer who is now on leave from active service in the Middle East, says a Bhopal message.

He added that the fighting ability of the Indian soldier is equal to the best in the world. The Indian troops are very well looked after, and had absolute confidence in the ultimate victory for the Allies. — Reuter.

U.S. 'ADOPT' HOSPITALS

American "Bundles for Britain" organisation, which has over 1,000 branches in the United States, has "adopted" hospitals in London, Plymouth, Birmingham and Bristol.

ADVANCE WILL OPEN UP SCOPE FOR COOPERATION

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE IMMEDIATE consequences of the British advance through Iran will ensure the close cooperation of Russia and Great Britain in an extension of the war front, and one which is geographically not difficult to maintain.

With British controls stretching eastwards from Egypt, through Palestine and Syria to Iraq, it goes without saying that a continuous front with the Russians will soon be established in Iran and so on into the Caucasus — a front which will support and strengthen Turkey against Nazi threats and Nazi aggression.

Moreover, behind this front will be the British Empire as it secures supply lines up the Red Sea into Syria and Turkey, and up the Persian Gulf via Baghdad and Mosul to Turkey, and also into the Caucasus and Southern Russia from Baku, Bishkek and Baidzhet, through Teheran and Tabriz. If Iran had been left under Nazi influence, all these supply lines would have been endangered, and probably before very long would have been cut.

Vital Necessity

Nazi "tourists" and agents who had overrun Iran would have carried the same function for Hitler's strategy in Russia and

In a word, direct link will soon be established with our Russian allies, and that material assistance which the Russians require can now be reasonably guaranteed. — Reuter.

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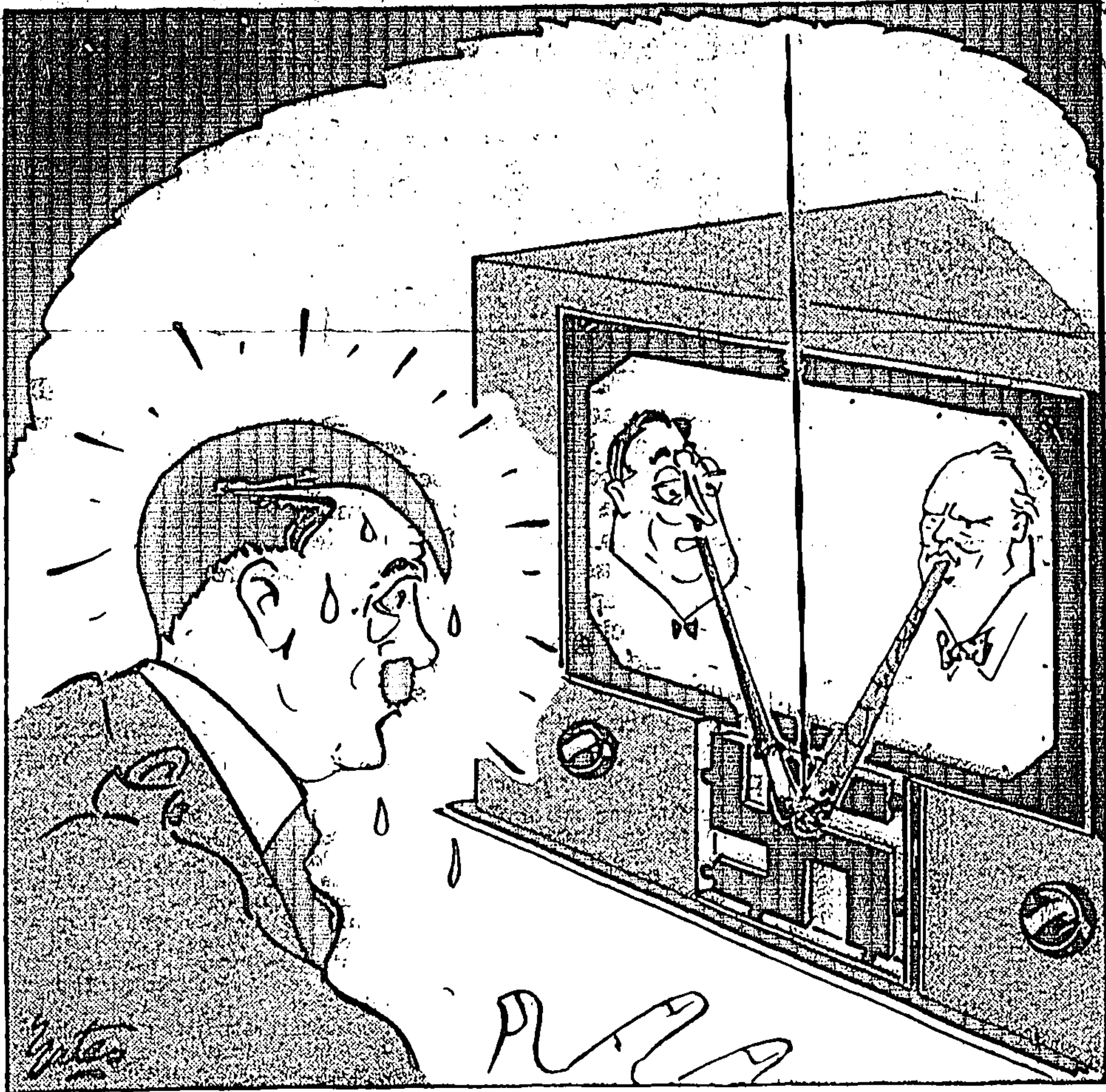
NO BUSINESS WITH HITLER

When a publisher advertises a book or an author hints that something he has written is very good, indeed, no one thinks it odd. When seven private citizens who don't know the author and have no connection with the publisher spend their own private money to advertise a book, people may wonder why. The book in this instance is "You Can't Do Business with Hitler," the author Douglas Miller, formerly American commercial attache in Berlin. The private citizens are Raymond Clapper, John Kieran, Albert D. Lasker, Mrs. Dwight L. Morrow, Carl Van Doren, Matthew Woll and Wendell L. Willkie.

The why of this paid public statement by seven private citizens is that Mr. Miller has condensed into some forty-odd thousand words an authoritative explanation of what Nazism is, what it has done in Germany, what it is doing and plans to do in Europe, and what it can do in the western hemisphere if it is victorious elsewhere.

Americans can't do business with Hitler because Nazism makes no pretence of keeping treaties; because it is so organised and its followers so trained that it cannot make and keep peace; because its racial theories require that all nations outside of Germany shall be slave nations; because it does not scruple to depopulate countries in order to control them; because if successful in Europe it will immediately inspire Nazi revolutions in Latin America to make that region hostile to America; because it will then try to isolate and cheat America; sabotage her industries, choke her trade, and either starve them out or dictate their economic, political and social life.

The United States will either see that Hitler is beaten or Hitler will see that country is enslaved or ruined. We hope those who loathe war and cherish national isolation will read the statement and the book. There will be plenty of war for Americans if they let Hitler win in Europe, and there will be precious little isolation if they have to fight him on their own side of the Atlantic.



Japan Volcano

Wherever the Nazi Fifth Column has achieved success (in Rumania, Norway or France), there have been political malcontents, economic unrest and internal disunity. These are the factors the Fifth Column exploits to gain control of governments.

And so it is in Japan. Japan has had at least four rightist revolutionary plots in the past decade. There was the May 15 affair of 1932, followed by the Kinkijiken, or Brocade Flag incident in 1933, the details of which are buried in darkest secrecy, for it involved a plot by "young officers" of the 3rd Regiment at Roppongi, Tokyo, to overthrow the Emperor and place Prince Chichibu on the Throne.

Then came the well-known February 26 military uprising of 1936, and the less well-known plot of July, 1940.

The Nazis have not failed to take advantage of these politico-military upheavals. Last summer, the Nazi Fifth Column attempted direct, if somewhat premature, action.

For six months the moderate Yonai Cabinet had constantly opposed the conclusion of a Japanese-German military alliance and the renovation of the Japanese political structure along totalitarian lines.

In May and June last year the Germans began to move. Gen. Ott, the German Ambassador, and other Nazi Fifth Columnists addressed crowds at public rallies, haranguing them on the benefits of political reformation after the German model.

Shoved Konoye In As Premier

Behind the scenes contact men and go-betweens were working feverishly to encourage the totalitarian movement and the Axis alliance. Patriotic societies, largely financed by German funds, were in a frenzy of rage with the "obstructionist" tactics of the government.

Supported by the German Ambassador, two ex-War Ministers, Gen. Juichi Terachi (who had officially represented the Japanese army before a Nazi convention at Nuremberg in September, 1939) and Gen. Sugiyama, cajoled and threatened Prince Fumimaro Konoye until he agreed to head the reformist movement.

But still the determined Yonai Cabinet blocked every move. It was then, in the first days of July, that direct action was attempted. A group of obscure political fanatics, instigated by Army Fascist cliques working with the Nazi Fifth Column, attempted to assassinate the retractable members of the Cab-

net and practically the entire Privy Council.

Hata Forces The Issue

Through the vigilance of the Metropolitan Police (not the Kempeitai), a score of armed "gorotsuki" were arrested, mostly hiding in the gardens of their would-be victims.

If this wholesale murder of leading moderate advisers to the Throne had succeeded, it would have been the signal for a military coup d'etat and the establishment of a military dictatorship.

Although the plot miscarried, the Yonai Cabinet was sabotaged by Gen. Shunroku Hata, War Minis-

By Charles N. Spinks

ter, a staunch champion of the Nazi alliance and the new political structure, who resigned and refused to name a successor. Cabinets in Japan cannot exist without War and Navy Ministers from the active list. Premier Mitsumasa Yonai (a Navy man) had no choice but to resign.

No. 1 Stodge Out

The Cabinet of Prince Konoye which followed launched the totalitarian movement and concluded the alliance with Germany.

By July 16, 1941, just one year later, this Cabinet had reached another of those periodic impasses. The totalitarian movement has bogged down. Japan has still failed to profit by the desperate union with Germany and now faces a new crisis over the Soviet-German war.

In order to get rid of Foreign Minister Matsuoka, who had negotiated conflicting agreements with Germany and Russia, the Cabinet resigned, the cards were reshuffled and Matsuoka is out, along with Toshio Shiratori, Gen. Ott's No. 1 stodge. It is too early to determine whether this is just a political move or whether this may be the first step to free Japan from German domination.

Regardless of the present Cabinet change, the Japanese Army and its Fascist supporters realise their desperate position. Unless the army can recoup its fortunes by a southern gamble or by a successful campaign in Siberia, it will lose face and political power.

The Germans are also desperate. American aid to Britain must be deflected by a Japanese-American war in the Pacific. Germany needs the Japanese Fleet and the vital war materials of Eastern Asia which

Japan must secure for her. What the Japanese will get from this deal remains a mystery, but the militarists are prepared to plunge Japan into a disastrous war rather than relinquish the power they have seized.

In more ways than one, the Germans are gambling against time, for thus far only a very few Japanese realise the danger the Fifth Column presents to Japan. In this connection, it must be borne in mind that not only the people at large, but also the majority of Government officials, even in the Home Office, have no inkling that a Nazi Fifth Column functions in their country.

If The Story Gets Out

This is due to the peculiar constitution of Japanese bureaucracy which is divided into water-tight compartments wherein one group of officials has no idea what another is doing. Through the use of Japanese go-betweens and key officials, who naturally do not disclose their connections, the Nazis are able to influence internal policies without risk of exposure.

Nevertheless, the Germans are well aware that trouble lies ahead if the Japanese people ever learn the full story.

There are many Japanese who have not yet been convinced that the Germans are their true friends. They cannot overlook the racial arrogance of the Teuton, the insulting references to Asiatics—including the Japanese—found in Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and other pan-Aryan German writings.

The latent forces of anti-for-eignism in Japan which the Nazis and Japanese militarists have stimulated and directed into an anti-British and more recently an anti-American hatred have acted as a safety-valve for the Japanese peoples' sense of frustration from an unsuccessful war in China.

Indications Of A Reversal

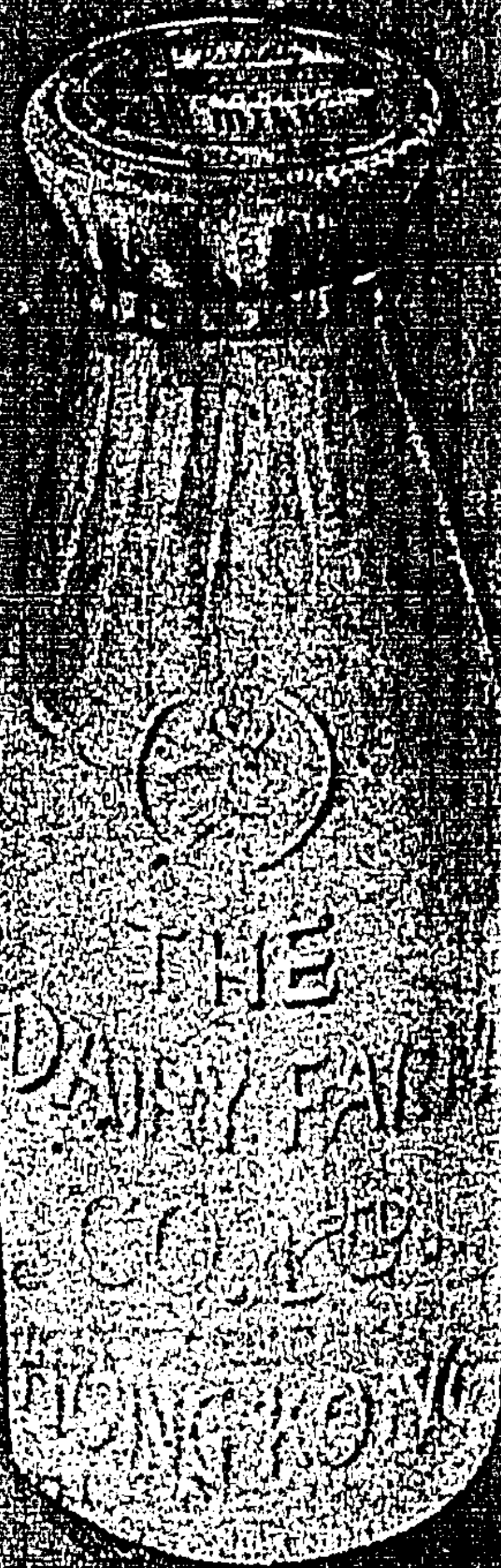
But there are few British and Americans left in Japan to-day. If conditions continue to deteriorate and if the position of Japan becomes more precarious (even barring war with the democracies), the Japanese people will turn against the only remaining foreign influence in Japan—Gen. Ott and his army of Fifth Columnists.

Already there are straws in the wind. A few months ago the wife of a German Embassy official was severely beaten on a train by a Japanese fellow traveler. There have been other attacks on Germans and Italians.

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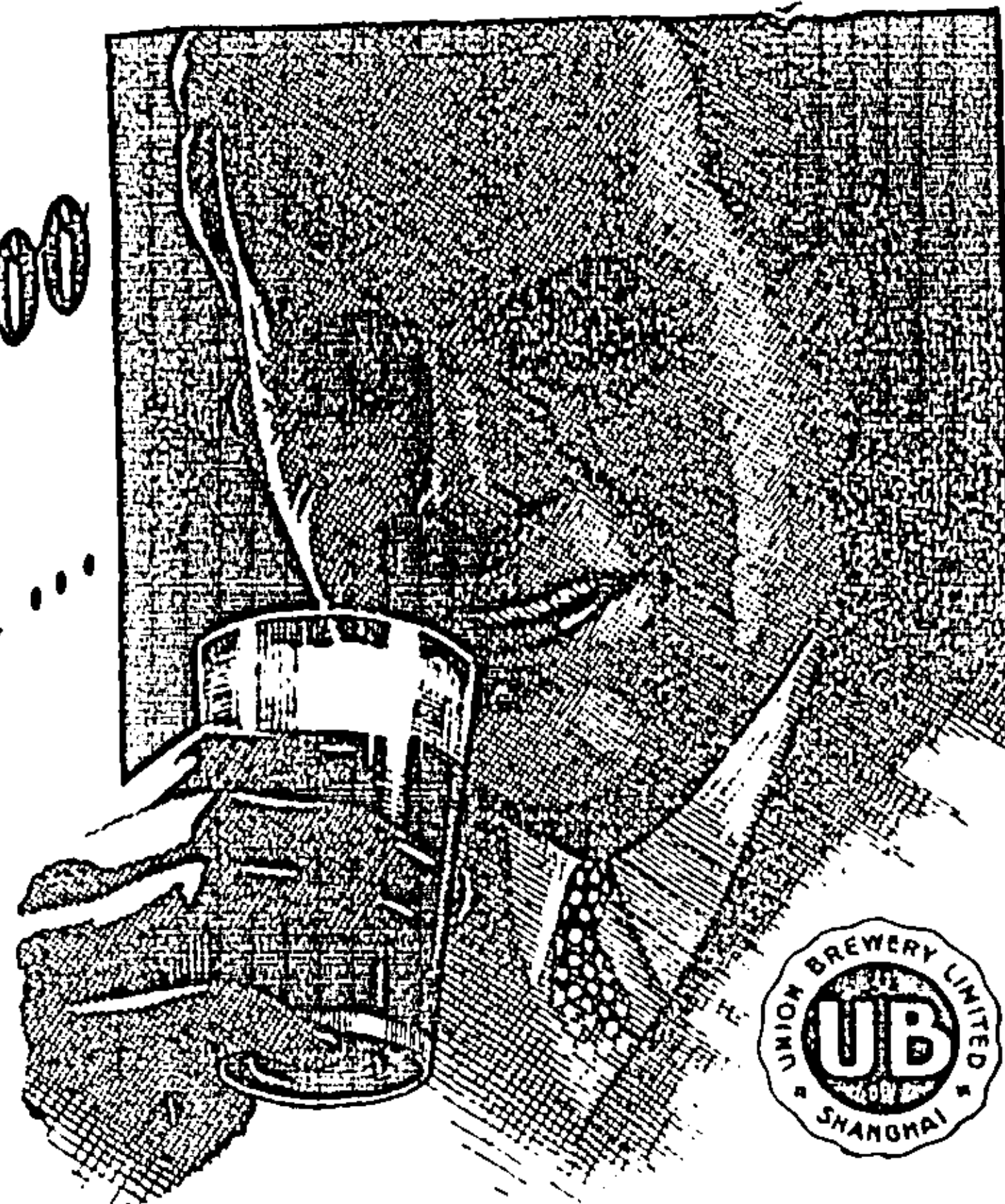
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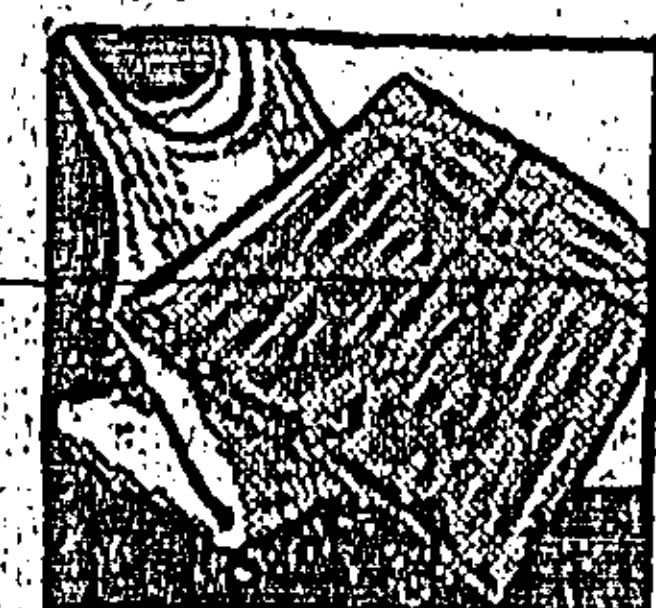
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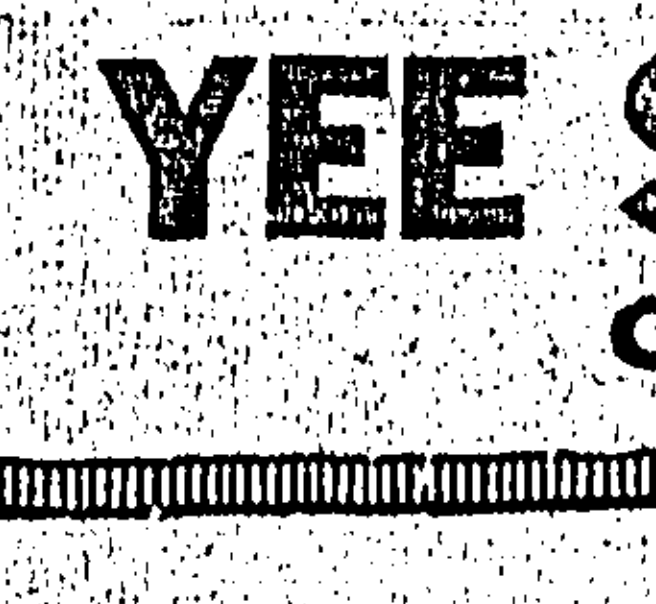
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IS WEYGAND PLANNING TO FIGHT?

UNREST IS VISIBLE in France, the De Gaulle cause is increasing in popularity in France proper and in all French colonies, and Gen. Maxim Weygand has been impressed enough by recent changes in German prospects to summon all his aides and counsellors in Africa for a review of the entire world situation, according to information received in official quarters in Washington.

This change in the French situation is attributed to the supine Vichy surrender of Indo-China to Japan without a fight and to the fact that Hitler's armies are tangled in the midst of Russia instead of being in London as Germans had generally been predicting for months.

The Government of Vichy was of course predicated on the expectation of a quick German victory. It based its policy on that expectation from the beginning and it always defended itself within France with the argument that the Allied cause was hopeless.

Allied Cause Brighter

But the Allied cause looks brighter to-day than at any time since the Germans broke through the French defences at Sedan.

Britain has had two months of respite in which to catch up on lost sleep, increase its aircraft reserves, bring supplies in from the Atlantic.

The United States has gained two months which may prove to have been the most important two months in current history. At the beginning of the two month period most of the new airplane and tank factories were beginning to fill with idle machinery. To-day they are filled with men, the machinery is humming, and new, superior models of planes and tanks are rolling.

If Germany had attacked Britain this summer the new American arms plants would have been worthless. The issues would have been decided without them. But no military issue in the future will be unaffected by the arms from American plants which have come into production during the past two months.

All of these considerations have had a powerful impact in France and on Frenchmen throughout the world. With the men of Vichy losing in prestige daily the freer Frenchmen of North Africa are reported to be debating whether the time has come to cut the strands with Vichy.

There are two main obstacles. They know that if they do it will bring German armies into the unoccupied area of France. Also General Weygand himself finds it extremely difficult to face co-operation with General de Gaulle.

For these two reasons no one in Washington seriously expects General Weygand to take the initiative at this moment in denouncing the German armistice and resuming the war. But every German tank and every German airplane lost in Russia makes the Weygand forces in North Africa just that much more potentially powerful.

THE TIME MAY COME, IN FACT MAY HAVE ALREADY COME, WHEN A JOINT ATTACK ON LIBYA FROM THE BRITISH IN EGYPT AND THE FRENCH IN TUNIS AND ALGIERS MIGHT CRUSH THE ITALIAN AND GERMAN FORCES BETWEEN

Washington Watches Closely

If General Weygand is ever to take his chance this may be the right time for it. At least there is enough weight behind this thought among Frenchmen to have caused a complete reassessment of the whole situation in North Africa. General Weygand called in all his economic, political and military subordinates for a general conference.

Washington watches with intense interest. If General Weygand should decide to make the experiment and take his great gamble he can be assured at once of supplies of oil and gasoline for his motor units. Dozens of tankers could be diverted at once to Casablanca and Dakar. He could

also be sure that airplanes and tanks now labelled for Britain would be shipped at once to those same ports. He has not asked how much would be given him, and no one has tried to make him any promises. There is no need of that. He knows approximately what could be expected. It is his decision.

While he is trying to make up his mind Washington holds back on extending the benefit of "lend-lease" materials to the forces of General de Gaulle. There is heavy pressure for this step, but it could have an extremely adverse effect on the deliberations in North Africa which might turn to the Allied advantage. It is considered a question not of probability, but only of an admittedly remote possibility. But as long as it remains even a possibility Washington is determined to close no opportunities for General Weygand.

"PUT DARLAN TO FLIGHT"

"We need to start a revolution in France and force Darlan to fly to his spiritual home in Germany," declared Commander Stephen King-Hall, M.P. and publicist.

Speaking of our broadcasts to France, he recalled that Parliament was told the French were being invited to "manifest their extreme disapproval" of Vichy.

"That," he said, "is not enough."

"For lack of a sustained, well thought out, and ruthless attack on the minds of our enemies, an attack which would bring comfort and hope to the minds of our friends now oppressed in the occupied territories and encourage them to resist the Nazis, we are needlessly delaying final victory."

King-Hall, who was speaking in his constituency at Ormskirk, Lancs., spoke of the Hess affair, and added:

"From the propaganda point of view, Hess was a great big exploded bomb sitting in every German brain."

"But we've de-fused him and made him into a dud. He's no longer news either here or in Germany."

OLD SCHOOL TIE — SECOND HAND

The old school tie in future may be second-hand. One school, Worktop College, is to open a second-hand clothes shop.

The headmaster, announcing this at the recent Special Day, said Sunday suits would no longer be compulsory.

NAZI REPRISAL

Haiti consulates in Germany have been ordered to close on September 5 in retaliation for Haiti's recent action closing German consulates.—Reuter.

THE FLOOR WILL BE DIRTY

"We shall wipe the floor with the Germans."

The Belgian Ambassador said that in London to the American Ambassador to the Governments allied with Britain.

END OF BISMARCK —BY THE NAVY

The end of the Bismarck—her guns shot out of her and "drooping like a smoking, lurching, black ruin, a thin trickle of men already jumping to safety over her side—was told by an officer and a gunner who took part in the battle.

"She was like a dog that had been run over. Someone had to finish her off," said one. Here are some of the points from their stories:—

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Tovey, saw the Bismarck first. He put on his tin hat—and cut poured a little cascade of water all over him. He just grinned, undisturbed by that or any other incident of this five-day chase.

I actually saw the Rodney's shells flying through the air for some seconds after they left the guns, like little diminishing foot-balls curving up and up into the sky.

The Admiral kept saying: "Close the range, get closer—I can't see enough hits." So we closed the range.

Merciless Mail

The Bismarck, with a fire on the fore-castle which seemed to envelop the upper turret, turned away, then back, under the most merciless hail of high explosive armour-piercing shells any ship has ever faced. There was no escape—our fellows just went on pumping it out.

After twenty minutes some of her secondary armament and two of the great turrets were still firing. Racing across her quarterdeck were little human figures—a little steady trickle of them jumping into the sea.

One fierce flame shot up as high as the Bismarck's spotting top—every man there must have been incinerated.

Well, we just shot the guns out of her and left a smoking, lurching, black ruin. Only her slow wallowing speed seemed still to give her life, and those little jumping figures at the stern.

SUB SINKS TRAWLER

While returning from a fishing trip off Cape Blanco, on the West African coast, a Portuguese trawler from Lisbon was fired on by an unidentified submarine and sank. Two of the crew were killed.—Reuter.

THEY'D NEVER SEEN A COW!

Cows, shown in New York Zoo, so that city children shall know what they look like, attracted crowds, says Columbia radio.

Soviet Note Gives Facts. In Precise Detail

THE SOVIET NOTE WHICH WAS HANDED TO THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW ON SUNDAY NIGHT BEGAN WITH A RECAPITULATION OF THE STEPS TAKEN BY RUSSIA TO ESTABLISH CORDIAL RELATIONS, STATING THAT ALL THE PRIVILEGES EXTENDED TO RUSSIANS ON IRANIAN TERRITORY WHICH WERE HUMILIATING TO IRANIAN SOVEREIGNTY WERE VOLUNTARILY ABRUPTED.

Various Russian enterprises in Iran had been handed over to the Iranian Government, and by this the Soviet Government proved to the Iranian people their readiness to assist in the development and prosperity of Iran.

By the Treaty of February 26, 1921, the Soviet Government returned to Iran the islands along the coast of the Astrabatsk and Corndatsk provinces of Iran, and also the railways, ports and various establishments which were formerly exploited by the Tsarist Government.

Further treaties between the Soviet Government and Iran also give proof of the constant friendly intentions of the U.S.S.R. towards Iran. During recent years the Soviet Government took steps to consolidate and develop the economic welfare of Iran.

NEVERTHELESS, EVEN IN THE FUNDAMENTAL TREATY OF FEBRUARY 26, 1921, IT HAD BEEN FORESEEN THAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT IRANIAN TERRITORY MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY ENEMY ELEMENTS AGAINST THE U.S.S.R. AND IRAN ITSELF, USING IRANIAN TERRITORY AS THE BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST THE U.S.S.R.

Names Given

The agents of German Fascism (the Note here gives the names of the agents and of the commercial firms by which they are employed), have reached their limits in their subversive activities in attempting to introduce into the Soviet provinces of Azerbaijan and the oil region of Baku, groups of saboteurs and terrorists.

On the other hand their activities were also directed at engineering a military coup in Iran itself.

With the arrival in Teheran from Iraq of the chief of the German Secret Service in Iraq, Gammat, and his assistant Mayer, and with the close cooperation of the German Embassy at Teheran, armed groups were formed at the frontier region with the view to organising sabotage activities in the Baku region and other districts.

Notorious Spies

German agents at various points in Iran territory have established dumps of arms and ammunition, especially in the Northern provinces of Iran.

In the neighbourhood of Mianeh, they had prepared over 50 tons of explosives, and in the Teheran district they gave military instructions to German residents to further their criminal intentions, while 56 German secret service men have penetrated into a number of big industrial concerns.

Especially dangerous is the activity of the Krupps agent, a spy named Artel, while von Radonovitch, director of the German firm of Siemens, is another notorious German spy, as well as his assistant Wolf.

These German agents are trampling on the elementary rights of Iranians, and with complete disregard of Iranian sovereignty are preparing Iranian territory as a base for aggression against the U.S.S.R.

Grave Danger

This situation in Iran constitutes a grave danger and it imposes upon the U.S.S.R. Government the necessity of taking all measures required for their own

security, measures which it is not only their right, but also their duty to take for their self-defence in strict accordance with Paragraph 6 of the Treaty of 1921.

Since German aggression on the U.S.S.R., the Soviet Government has thrice given warning to the Iranian Government, on June 26, July 19 and August 16 regarding the danger represented by the subversive and diversionist activities of German agents and spies.

On June 26, the Soviet Government informed the Shah of Iran that they possessed reliable information that a political coup d'état was being prepared by the Germans.

On July 19, the U.S.S.R. Government, in conjunction with the British Government drew the attention of the Iranian Government to the necessity of putting a stop to the activities of the German agents which equally constituted a threat to the security and interests of her neighbour states.

At the same time the Soviet and British Governments insisted upon the necessity of expelling Germans whose presence on Iran territory was against the interests of Iran itself and of the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain.

Third Warning

On August 16, the Government of the U.S.S.R., again acting in conjunction with the British Government, delivered the third warning to Iran, urging the necessity of taking steps to stop the dangerous activities of German agents, and to expel them from the country.

Thus, on three occasions the Soviet Government warned Iran of the danger which on the one hand threatens the interests of Iran, and on the other those of Great Britain and the U.S.S.R., and of the necessity of taking drastic steps to counter this danger.

It is regrettable that the Iranian Government in their reply to these representations refused to undertake any measures against the dangerous activities of the German agents, and by this very fact encouraged the Germans to continue their criminal work.

Temporary Occupation

The Soviet Government found themselves confronted with the necessity of taking immediate steps and exercising its rights by virtue of Paragraph 6 of the 1921 Treaty in the form of dispatch of troops to Iranian territory for temporary occupation with the view to safe-guarding the security of the U.S.S.R.

These measures are in no way directed against the independence of Iran. The military measures undertaken by the Soviet are solely directed against the danger created by the hostile activities of the Germans, and as soon as the danger threatening the U.S.S.R. has disappeared, the Soviet Government, in obedience to its obligations undertaken in the 1921 Treaty, will withdraw

HUNGER CRY AT MASS

An Athens message says that during Mass in the cathedral there was a demonstration by the congregation.

They cried, "We are hungry!"

PREMIERS ORDERED TO RESIGN

The Working Committee of the All-India Moslem League has unanimously passed a resolution calling on the three Premiers, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Fazlulhuq and Sir Mohamed Sandullah, to resign from the National Defence Council.

Sir Sikander and Sandullah expressed their willingness to resign while Fazlulhuq asked for time.

He was given 10 days' time to resign failing which the President, Mr. Jinnah, is authorised to deal with the matter.

It was stated in Bombay yesterday that as Sir Sikander and Sandullah have decided to resign the question of disciplinary action against them does not arise and it was added that failing receipt of a satisfactory reply from Fazlulhuq within the time allowed, the Committee had authorised Mr. Jinnah to take such action as he may deem proper and necessary. — Reuter.

RICH WOMEN PILFER SHOPS

Wealthy women, restricted by clothes rationing, from making luxury purchases, are turning to petty theft.

"The increase in shoplifting is tremendous," stated a London police court official.

Stores in all parts of the country tell the same tale.

The manager of a big London shop explained: "The regular thieves can now find plenty of customers for off-the-ration clothes, but most of the new offenders seem to be better-class women.

"They are appalled because their coupons won't run to the lovely clothes they've been used to."

its forces from Iranian territory.

The Note which was dated August 25, was presented simultaneously by M. Molotov to the Iranian Ambassador in Moscow and by the Soviet Ambassador in Teheran. Moscow radio adds that the British Ambassador in Teheran presented the Note simultaneously. — Reuter.



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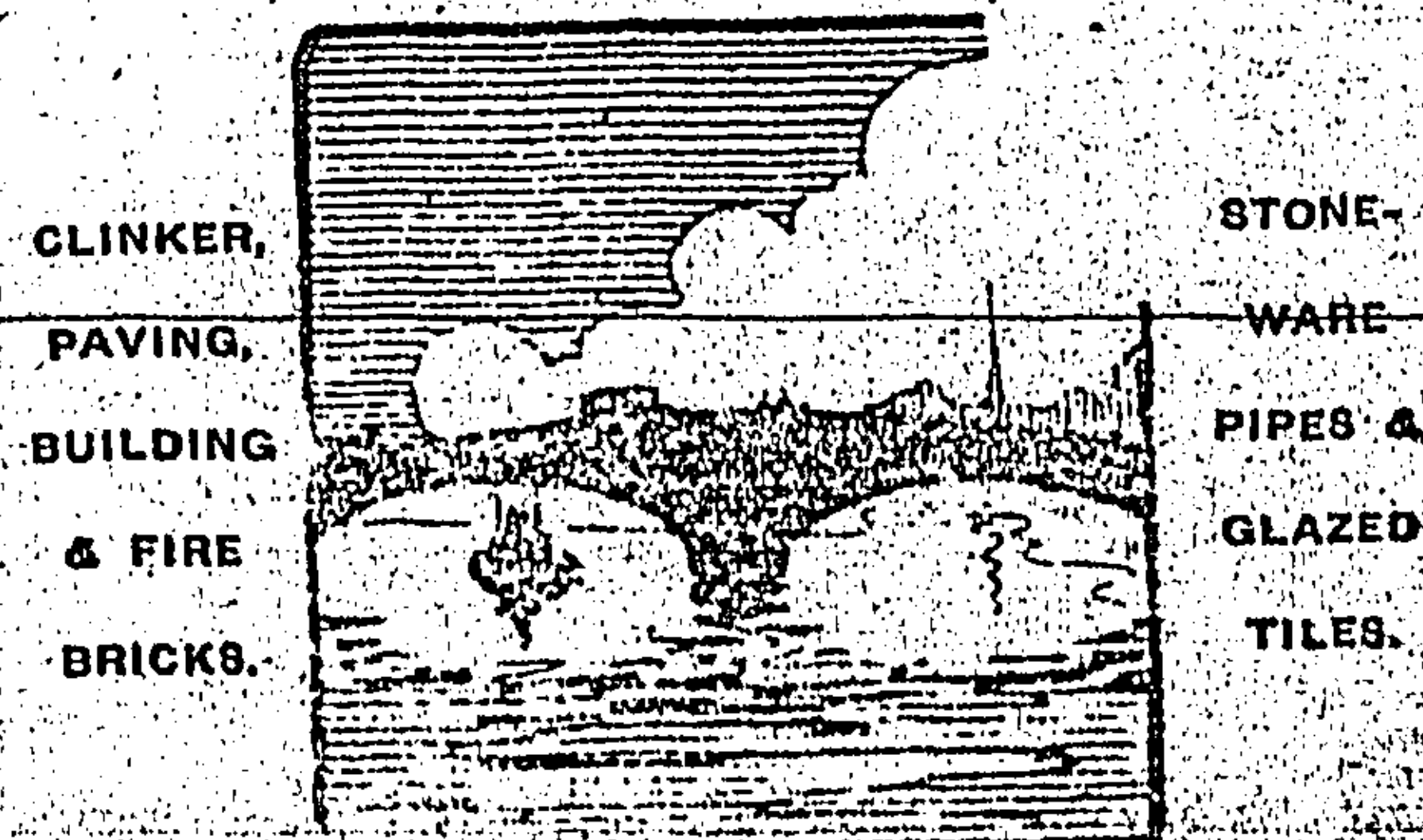
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE RE-OPENING DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

The takeout double is usually thought of as a weapon to be used by the side which does not open the bidding, but under certain circumstances it can be used most effectively by the opening bidder himself. For example:

East, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 10 7 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 8 6 5 3 2

WEST

♠ K 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ K 9 4

EAST

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ A J
♣ A J 7

SOUTH

♠ Q J 6
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ Q 7 6
♣ Q 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

East's opening bid was quite normal, as was South's overcall. West, however, had a bit of a problem. He could hardly raise spades with only a doubleton in the suit; nor could he go to three diamonds with so shabby a suit and so meagre a hand. He didn't like to pass with as much as three Kings opposite an opening bid, but decided that game was unlikely unless East could find a rebid.

As it happened, East could find a rebid since he had a very strong hand; but right here is where most players would go astray. Most players would wonder only whether to re-open the bidding with two spades or three spades, but neither bid would be a good choice. The correct re-opening bid in this situation is a double — a takeout double.

In this case, West properly chose to convert the takeout double into a penalty double by passing. With a different type of hand, West would have bid his long suit or taken East back to spades. But the penalty pass, with West's actual hand, produced a very gratifying result.

Almost any defence would have held South to four trump tricks, but East and West managed the defence ably enough to limit South to three tricks — a penalty of 900 points!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 5 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Maier
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two notrump. You must make some response but cannot quite make a "positive" response with so little high-card strength.

Score: 100% for two notrump, 80% for three spades.

Question No. 804

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Maier
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

PARIS REFUGEES HOME

Nine hundred refugees from the Paris region have been allowed to return home from the South of France, says the Nazi-controlled Paris radio. Another batch will be allowed to return shortly. — Reuters.

BRITAIN'S AIR OFFENSIVE

(By A Military Correspondent)

THE BRITISH daylight raids on northern France, which started on May 16, have developed into a regular and continuing series. Ten large-scale "sweeps" in eight days must be counted as eminently satisfactory, for, in addition to extensive damage on military objectives and the heavy industries of northern France, the R.A.F. has brought down 112 enemy fighters.

One might have expected higher British losses as the sweeps were extended, but the increase has remained in proportion to the number of planes employed. For every British pilot lost five German planes have been brought down.

The main significance of the attacks is that they show that regular and successful daylight operations are possible, even against strongly defended enemy positions and under varying weather conditions. Instead of the old reliance on hit-and-run raids by bombers taking advantage of cloud-cover, the R.A.F. fighters now clear the skies and accompany the bombers on their task. In a word, the raids give us a picture of what is to come. Britain not only proves that planned daylight raids are operationally possible, but also shows that she is now strong enough to undertake them. Since Germany must still have ample planes in northern France to send out against the British raiders, and since some of the planes shot down were the latest Messerschmidt 109F, the experience of the last eight days also reaffirms the quantitative superiority of Britain's new Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Light Day Losses

As late as the series of raids that started on April 23, reliance was placed mainly on bombers, although it was well realised that no day-bomber was fast enough, or sufficiently rapid in manoeuvre or fire-power, to tackle enemy fighters. Even then it was the opinion of many experts that day operations involving fighters would be too costly to become a regular part of the air war at any early date, and it says much for the relative development of Britain's aerial power that a change has come about so quickly.

There is another aspect of the situation. Britain is achieving her new results while losing less than one-fourth the number of planes lost by the enemy. This compares favourably with the general figure for the first four months of this year, when Britain

lost a third as many planes as the Axis. While this improvement in itself is not likely to hasten the attainment of parity with the Luftwaffe very greatly, the Russo-German fighting may rapidly and drastically affect the situation. Russia claims that Germany lost 382 war-planes in the first three days of her new war; and even if this estimate is exaggerated, the Red Air Force must be inflicting considerable losses on the Luftwaffe.

PARATROOPS HIT NAZIS

— New York Report

How daring British parachutists destroyed a Nazi airport, thirty aero-planes and took forty German pilots prisoner was told the other day in a cable to the "New York Post" from Zurich.

Parachutists crossed the Channel in bombers and baled out over the airport in the French town of Berck-sur-Mer.

They split into three groups. The first group rushed the control room and seized the occupants before the alarm could be given. The second attacked the barracks and took the prisoners, and the third scattered over the airport and destroyed the planes.

The parachutists then went to a nearby port where torpedo boats waited to take them and the prisoners to England.

The men were home before the Nazis knew what had happened.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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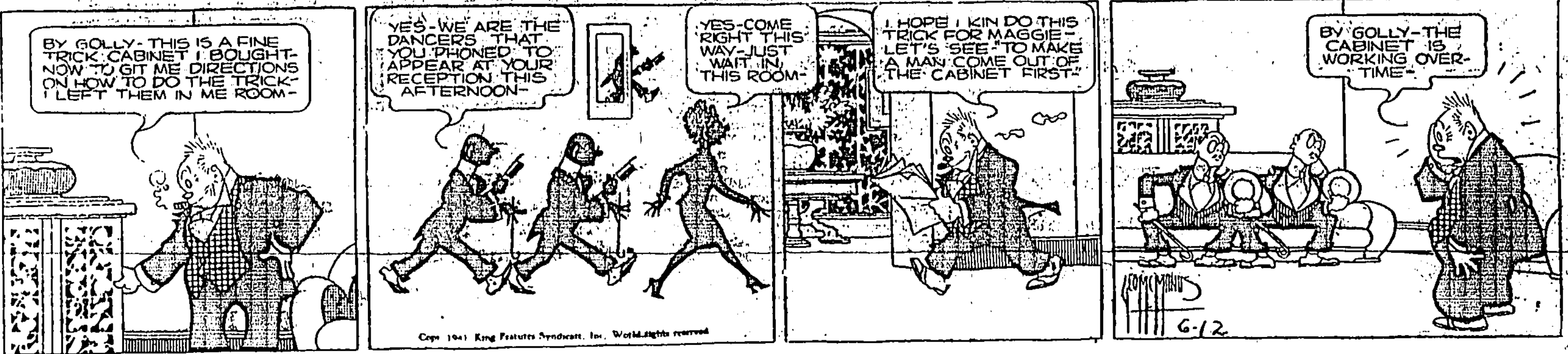
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Summer Routine

The mature beauty has learned that a daily routine of grooming keeps her looking her most attractive. Spasmodic attempts to care for skin and hair bring little more than discouragement.

Aging skin usually takes on a coarse, dry texture and this must be guarded against by devoting ten minutes each day to cream cleansing, lubrication and stimulation.

At night our mature woman must cleanse her face thoroughly and then apply a rich cream. This should be worked into the skin with upward strokes from chin to ear, from nostrils to temples, across the forehead and with gentle circular movements around the nostrils and front chin. It is good to keep the fingers pressed against the skin at the end of each stroke. You will feel the blood being carried upward which helps greatly in toning the small muscles.

For cleansing, at the end of a day, use a cream which melts quickly on your face. Personally I think a rapid cleansing first is good, to remove all the surface dirt at once. This should be followed by a more leisurely cream cleansing.

Now let's discuss stimulation. Many women do not know what stimulation means. Let's substitute the word "skin-tingling" for stimulation. You know how your skin tingles after exercise and after you splash it with cold water? Well, it is stimulated or exercised. The blood rushes to it and carries more beauty food.

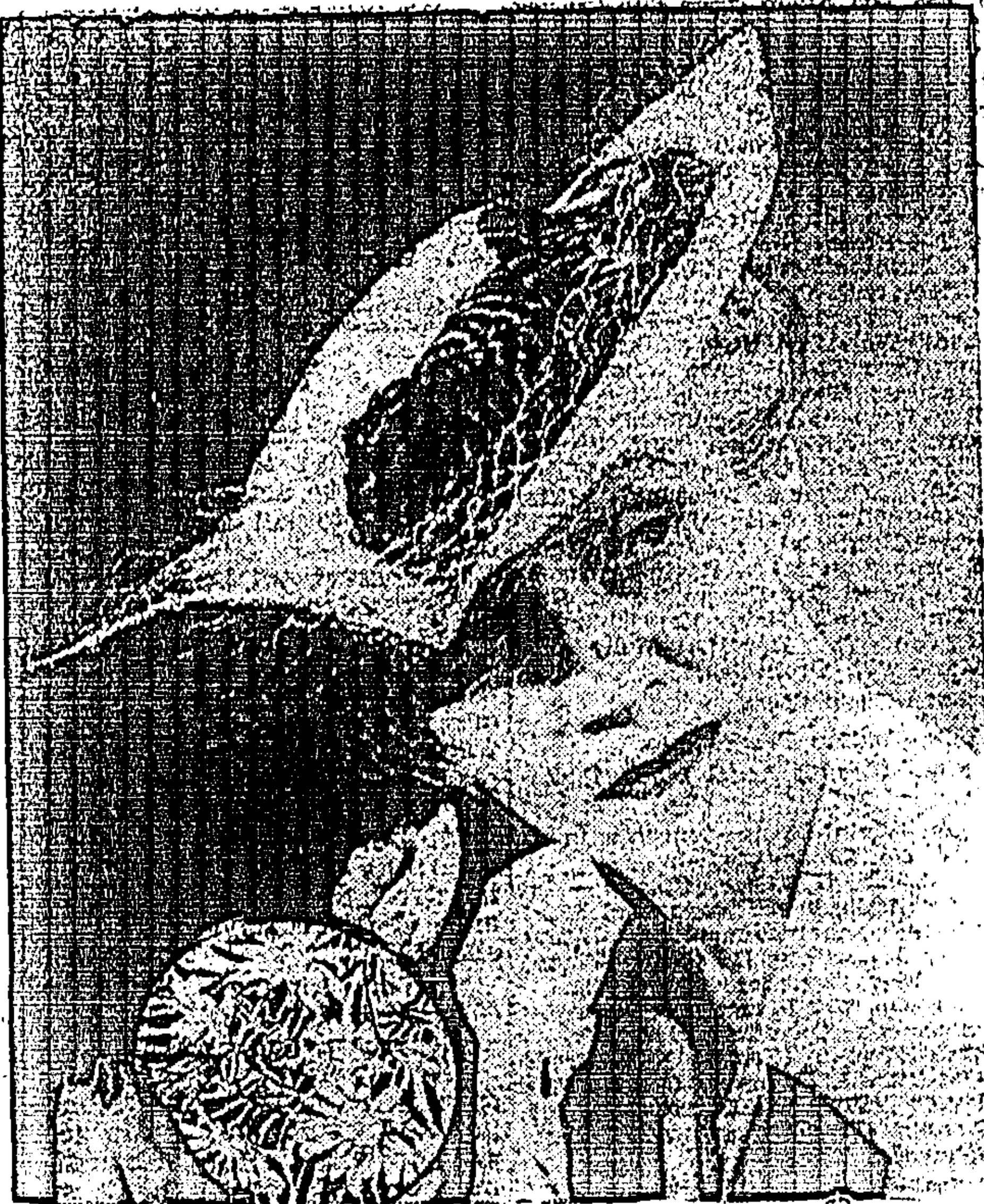
Stimulation is most important for the mature skin so if you do not exercise regularly you must artificially stimulate your complexion by using a chilled skin tonic or freshener, or ice water. Stimulation must follow a good cleansing. One may slap the face smartly with the palms before applying any chilled lotion. Bring the blood to the surface and make those tiny, lazy face muscles wake up. Otherwise droopy lines will soon form around your mouth, nose and eyes and you will look older than your years.

Adding Skin Glamour

Every woman of this age group should use a masque preparation once a week. There is a galaxy of masque preparations from



Dieting Dot says the thing that has puzzled is how to abide by nutrition rules and control curves at the same time.



A gay compact, filled with powder to match her current skintone is essential to the beauty of a maturing woman. This vanity contains a generous, washable puff.

which to choose at a wide range of price. And if you prefer to whip up your own you may do that too. But do use one of these pore-refining mixtures once a week after your regular routine.

And remember there is a world of youth, charm and loveliness for the mature beauty in the proper use of proper make-up. Avoid

bold, unnatural effects but strive for graceful glamour. The aging woman who scorns make-up (delightful, natural looking make-up) is not only cheating herself of beauty but is cheating her public as well. Every one adores seeing a beautifully groomed woman who has pointed up her beauty expertly with lipstick, powder and rouge!

Luck For The Bride

Maybe you aren't superstitious but if you're a bride, we'd bet two dozen oranges to one spig of orange blossom that you are sticking to all the good old notions about "something borrowed, something blue" and not seeing your bridegroom on your wedding day until you meet in church. Because there just might be something in it.

All these quaint ideas may sound like superstitions now—but way back in olden days there was a reason for each one.

For one thing, everybody then—a-days firmly believed in numerous gods and goddesses and evil spirits; and these immortals had a well-known habit of falling in love with human men and women.

So that as the time for a wedding approached, everybody began to grow nervous in case an evil spirit should carry off the bride or groom—and they did everything they could to fool the gods.

A bride traditionally wears a veil and is surrounded by bridesmaids because of the old custom of deceiving the gods as to which girl was actually being married, on the bridal car!

or at any rate not to let the gods see her.

Then again, if a man met his bride on the morning of the wedding that might betray their secret to the spirits.

The custom of teasing a newly-married couple and playing jokes on them hardly seems like superstition. It's just an annoying tradition. If you are one-half of the happy pair, and a legitimate chance for a bit of fun if you are a guest.

But that, too, had its origin in another rather difficult trait of the ancient gods—their habit of punishing anyone who was too happy.

On such a happy occasion as a wedding, it was obviously very necessary to prevent the gods from feeling jealous by pretending that it was really a tragedy.

Shots were a symbol of children—remember the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe?—and though we may not realize it, THAT'S why we to-day decorate a wedding cake with tiny shoes, or tie them on the bridal car!

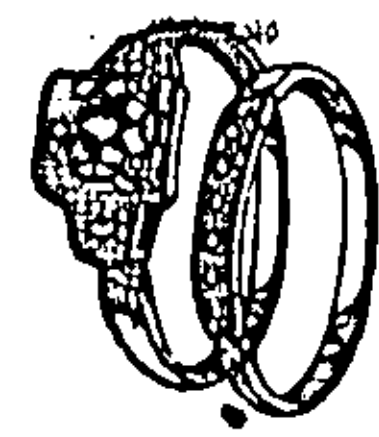
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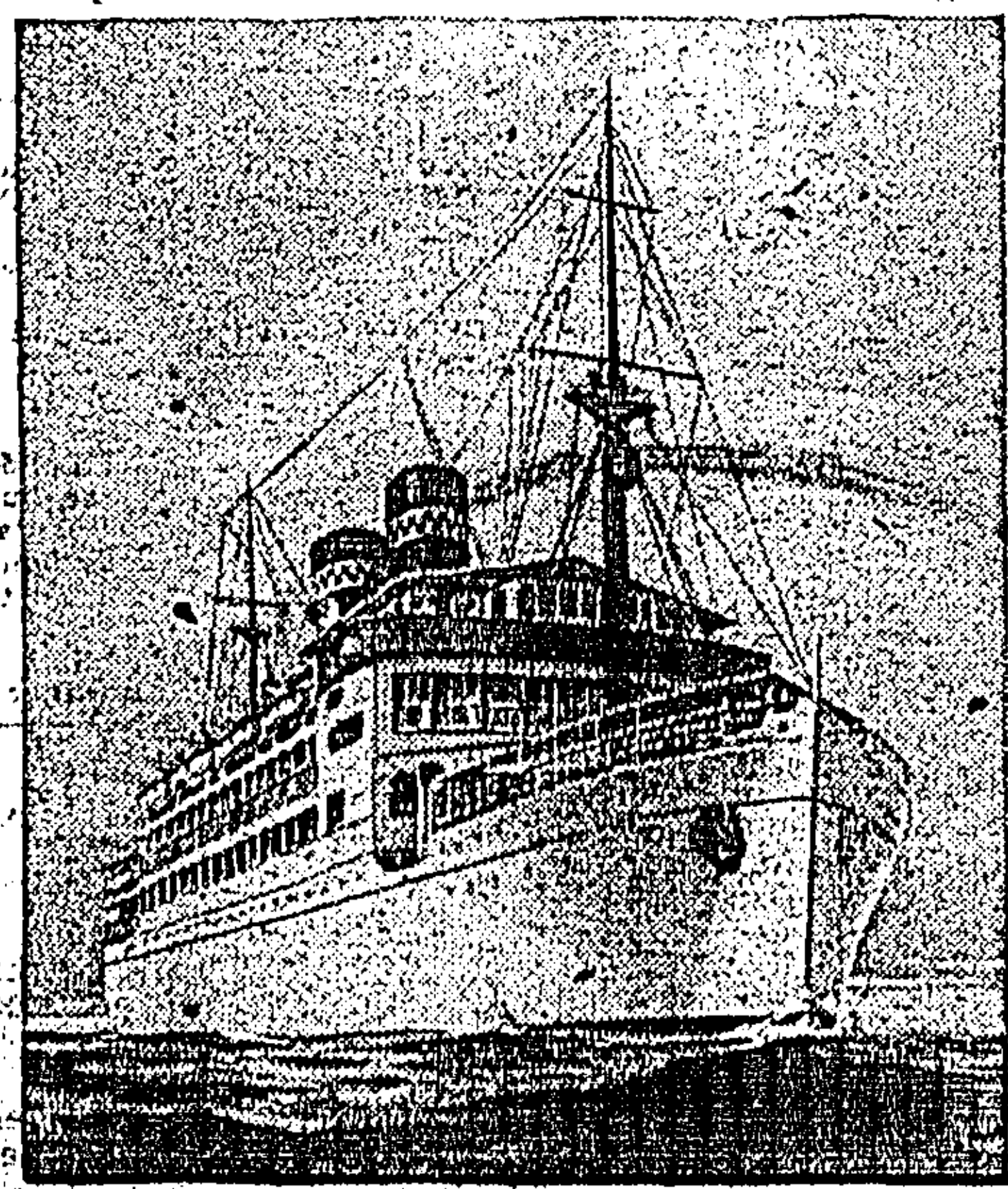
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- 12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
- 12.30 p.m.—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.
- Swing Fox-Trots—Peckin' (from film "New Faces of 1937"); Can't We Be Friends (James & Swift); One Sweet Letter From You (Brown, Warren); Scatterbrain (Burke, Bean, Masters); Rose of Washington Square (Macdonald); And The Angels Sing (Mercer—Elman).
- Fox-Trot—If Dreams Come True (Edgar Sampson).
- Swing Fox-Trots—I'll Always Be In Love With You (Green); Make Believe (Kern).
- 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
- 1.02 p.m.—A Noel Coward Programme.
- "Words And Music"—The Party's Over Now; Something To Do With Spring... Noel Coward (Vocal) with Orchestra.
- "Operette"—Selection... His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.
- Most of Every Day—Fox-Trot... Jack Jackson and his Orchestra.
- "Conversation Piece"—Regency Rakes... Sidney Grammer, George Sanders, Pat Worsley, Antony Brian (Vocal Quartette) and His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.
- 1 Travel Alone—Fox-Trot... Jack Jackson and his Orchestra.
- I'll See You Again (from film "Bitter Sweet")... Hildegard (Vocal) with Orchestra.
- 1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
- 1.45 p.m.—Variety with Betty Driver, Nolle and Marie, Oliver Wakefield and others.
- Vocal—The Moon Remembered; I've Got A Hunch (both from film "Let's Be Famous")—Gay—Butler... Betty Driver with Orchestra.
- Trio—A Choice Of Colour—Intro: Pink Lady Waltz; A Brown Bird Singing; Over The Rainbow; Coal Black Mammy; Two Eyes of Grey; My Blue Heaven... Albert Sandler Trio.
- Humorous—Keeping A Stiff Upper Lip; Play Up And Pay The Dime (Wakefield)... Oliver Wakefield (The Voice of Inexperience).
- Organ—Childhood Memories (arr. Debroy Somers)... Reginald Foort.
- Duet—Afraid To Dream (from film "You Can't Have Everything")—Gordon & Revel... Molly and Marie with Orchestra.
- 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
- 6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
- 6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
- 6.47 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22 and Septet.
- Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22—1st Mov: Andante sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Allegro scherzando; 3rd Mov: Presto... Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra.
- Septet—Op. 65: Preamble—Menuet—Intermezzo—Gavotte and Finale... Mm. Foveau (Trumpet), Canelle (1st Violin), Bellanger (2nd Violin), Vieux (Viola), Marnett (Cello), Nanny (Double-bass) and Faure (Piano).
- 7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
- 8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
- 8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
- 8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
- 8.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Verdi's Operas.
- "The Force of Destiny"—Overture... Oswald Kabasta & Philharmonic Orchestra.
- "Il Trovatore" (Act 3)—Strike Down That Dread Pyre... Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra.
- "Otello"—Willow Song (Act 4)... Elisabeth Rethberg (Soprano) with Orchestra.
- "Rigoletto"—Selection... Marek Weber and his Orchestra.
- "Otello"—Heaven, Had It Pleased Thee To Try Me (Act 3)... Renato Zanelli (Tenor) and Members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan.
- 9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
- 9.02 p.m.—Jubilee Music-Hall Parade—1910/1935.
- 9.22 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Kenny Baker (Vocal).
- Dainty Debutante (Scott-Wood); Piccadilly Playtime (Leach-Evans)... Patricia Rossborough.
- Sing A Song Of Harvest (from film "Kentucky Moonshine"); Just Let Me Look At You (from film "Joy Of Living")—Kern... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.
- Planoflage (Roy Bargy); Slipova (Roy Bargy & Straight)... Patricia Rossborough.
- Who Am I?; In The Cool Of The Evening (from film "The Hit Parade of 1941")—Bullock—Julio Styne... Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orch.
- 9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
- 9.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
- Puzza (Mihal); The Wind Has Told Me A Story (Bruhne); In The Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill); Sleep, My Little One—Lullaby (Hautzik—Riesefeld).
- 10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.
- 10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording "The Land We Defend"—Northern Ireland.
- 10.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
- Fox-Trots—Goblins In The Steeple; The Whistler and His Dog... Mill Herth Trio.
- Quick-Steps—No, Mama, No: Sweet Little Sweetheart... Joe Loss and his Orchestra.
- Fox-Trots—Still The Bluebird; An Apple For The Teacher (both from the film "The Star Maker")... Larry Clinton and his Orch.
- Slow Fox-Trot—The Drift; Fox-Trot—You've Done Something To My Heart (both from C. B. Cochran Show "Lights Up")... Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
- Waltz—Vienna So Gay (from "Maritza")... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
- 11.15 p.m.—Close down.

POSITIVE DEFENCE URGED BY WILLKIE

WENDELL WILLKIE called for a positive defence against the Nazi machine in an address before an overflow crowd at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium at a mass meeting held under the auspices of Americans United.

Advocating an aggressive campaign of aid to Germany's enemies, the 1940 Republican Presidential Nominee asserted:

"We must read our lesson in the fate of other free peoples who found themselves unprepared to meet and stop the amazing war machine created by Adolf Hitler. Hitler has challenged our freedom," Mr. Willkie said. "In defending it, we cannot wait in the corner for him to strike us. We must, on the contrary, size up our antagonist."

"We must plan our strategy and our tactics and, at the proper times, we must step forth boldly and courageously to throw Hitler off his guard, to bewilder him, to drive him back against the ropes, long before he has a chance to drive us back against the ropes. We must force him to take the count."

"Must Not Be Afraid To Act"

"The defence of freedom must be a positive thing. We must not be afraid to act, and we must be prepared to act swiftly and suddenly."

"We must not be afraid to give our President the necessary emergency powers which will enable him to act—swiftly and suddenly. And we must realise that, in order to prevent the Axis from waging war on us, in our hemisphere, and possibly some day on our soil, these swift moves of ours must be taken at remote distances from the American continent, in strategic spots whose importance is understood by our Army and Navy."

"This kind of defence, this positive kind of defence, has already proved effective."

"In a very real sense it is responsible for Hitler's present difficulties in Russia. It is responsible for the terrible exhaustion of men and equipment he is suffering there, and for the chance given Britain and the United States, meanwhile, to strengthen themselves."

Of the Russian situation, Mr. Willkie said: "The only thing we have ever had to fear from communism is the possible triumph of an ideology. Now even the idea (of communism) is no longer a real menace to democracy. Its appeal is rapidly dying, its propaganda is confused and futile. It is a dream that didn't come true."

Russia "Never A Menace To Us"

"Russia has never been a military menace or a trade menace to us. For twenty-three years the Communists have been on the Bering Strait, and we've never had any reason to fear that they would attack us across that narrow water."

"But the picture with Hitler is different. He is engaged with all the terrible power of his military machine in conquering the world. If he succeeds, he means to enslave it economically, politically and culturally. He has plainly told us so."

Mr. Willkie called also for redoubled aid to China as a means of preventing a Japanese attack on Russia. Not only would increased help to China stop a back-door attack on the Soviet, he said, but "freed from Japan's menace in the Pacific, we shall be able to concentrate more of our strength in the Battle of the Atlantic."

"In China's ability successfully to engage the energies of Japan," Mr. Willkie declared, "lies our best hope of diverting the forces of Hitler's most effective ally."

"To alliterationism will thus be surrounded, blocked on all sides, and the Nazi flood, having reached its full, will begin to recede. For history proves that such forces survive only in expansion."

He emphatically contended that additional naval and air bases should be acquired to protect the supply lanes of the North Atlantic, and that ship and plane courses of the South Atlantic should be guarded to prevent German moves through Spain and Portugal.

WOMAN DOCTOR STOLE

Well-known Southport (Lancs.) woman doctor, Sybil Richards, 43, of Aughton Road, was fined £5 at Southport for stealing a bicycle.

"She must have been suffering under some lamentable mental aberration," said Mr. Compton Carr, defending.

It was stated that the bicycle was missed by a woman who left it outside a house. Some days later she saw it outside a Southport shop.

Dr. Richards said it was hers and took her stethoscope and some papers out of the saddle bag. Then she said, "Someone has stolen my bicycle and put these in here."

Mr. Carr said that up to the previous night he was under the impression Dr. Richards had no case to answer.

It came as a bombshell when she told him: "I can no longer persist in this. My conscience won't allow it."

MILITARY PROMOTIONS

The Council of Peoples' Commissars of USSR has promoted a group of senior commanders of the Red Army. Podlas, Smirnov, Feduninsky, Bagramyan and Kalinin were promoted to the rank of major-general. Slomatin to the rank of major-general of tank troops and Petukhov to the rank of major-general of engineering troops. — Tass.



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The figures were revealed by the Minister in the House recently. He was replying to Sir Percy Hurd, who asked how many men and women were employed in the postal and telegraph censorship of the Ministry in addition to the other 1,801 on the staff: what was the total cost in salaries, and were any further sums paid for services in connection with the Ministry's secret inquests or otherwise.

Reply was that the present staff numbered 3,808 men and 2,635 women. Total cost of the salaries was £2,196,000 per annum. Cost in salaries of the other 1,801 of the Ministry's members totalled £528,500.

No Secret Inquests

"The Ministry does not conduct any secret inquests" was the Minister's acid comment on the latter part of the question.

Regarding the cost, the Minister said it was more important to ensure that this work was being efficiently carried out than to reduce the expenditure.

At another stage the Minister said that in the past three months forty-two people had been engaged in the study and report on public opinion at a cost of £4,400 a quarter.

TUNNEL IN DEBRIS TO FREE NURSE

RESCUE SQUADS constructed a makeshift tunnel to reach nurses buried in the debris of a hospital nurses' home in Manchester, which was blitzed at the cost of two Nazi bombers.

Inch by inch they worked their way to where Nurse Owen lay tightly pinned by debris in every part of her body.

With hacksaws and hands they cleared away piles of concrete blocks, broken furniture and other obstacles. Their reward came when Nurse Owen was brought out alive from the basement shelter. She had been buried for nearly twelve hours.

A doctor gave her morphia, and swathed from head to foot in blankets she was placed in an ambulance and taken to the operating theatre of the hospital, which was undamaged.

Nurse Owen's home is at St. Asaph, North Wales.

In Death Trap.

Other nurses are still missing and some are feared dead. Four of the missing are young nurses who entered the hospital for preliminary training a few weeks ago.

"There are three nurses inside this death trap," said one of the A.R.P. men, "and we are working

like hell to get at them. We know two are alive."

A doctor from the hospital crawled through an opening, found one nurse trapped by her arm. In the light of miners' electric lamps he gave her an anaesthetic and amputated her arm. Soon afterwards she was freed, but she died in a few minutes.

Two Hospitals Hit

Two other hospitals were damaged by fire or explosive bombs. Members of the staffs were injured, but the patients had been evacuated.

For several hours droves of bombers circled over the city in an almost incessant roar.

Five wardens were killed on patrol. A curate was killed on shelter duty outside his church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boyd and their 10-year-old daughter were making their way to an outdoor shelter when a bomb fell.

The husband's body was found behind a well some distance away, while the wife was discovered lying across a public-house sign. There was no trace of the girl.

A few bombs fell in the Midlands. London had an Alert—first for sixteen nights—without bombs.

CEMENT ATTACK BY BISHOP

An attack on Lord Wolmer, Director of Cement, was made by the Bishop of Birmingham in the House of Lords when he appealed for better raid shelters.

Ought such a Government officer as Lord Wolmer, he asked, to be paid by the very monopolists whom he might in the national interests have to coerce?

It had been suggested that Lord Wolmer continued to be paid by the Federation, of which he ceased to be chairman when he was appointed Director of Cement. The suggested payment was £6,000 a year, with another £1,000 when Lord Wolmer became a member of the House of Lords.

"Surely such an appointment should be ended," declared the Bishop. "There is a demand throughout the country for the building of bomb-proof shelters. If Berlin has them, why not Birmingham?"

"The present so-called control of the cement industry should be changed. Does the Government control the ring, or does the ring dictate Government policy?"

Accountants Fix Price

Lord Wolmer, in reply, denied that there was a ring in cement. What had been called a ring was an effort on the part of the industry to rationalise and organise itself. Its whole purpose was to make and sell as much cement as possible.

Accountants of the Ministry of Supply decided the price of cement.

The Bishop was given an opportunity in a law court of proving his allegations, and paid £1,000 rather than do so.

"Lord Wolmer," retorted the Bishop, "seems to think that because I did not defend the action brought against me by the Cement Manufacturers' Federation I do not feel that what I had said was sufficiently justified. Surely Lord Wolmer is not ignorant that the use by big business of actions for slander or libel to ensure the suppression of criticism has become an accepted technique."

DE GAULLE IN BEIRUT

General Charles de Gaulle arrived in Beirut for his first visit to French-mandated Lebanon and Syria since they were wrested from Vichy's hands by the Allied armies, including his own Free French forces. The visit is said to be without political significance, the general being here only to felicitate the troops.

The Free French put on a show for the general and demonstrated what can be accomplished by a little brass. Many of the onlookers might have remained indifferent but for the Foreign Legion Bugle Corps, which, after a great flourish, produced the spirited strains of the "Marche de la Legion."

General de Gaulle, having spent the night at Haifa, Palestine, arrived at noon at Damour, on the southern approaches to Beirut, where Australian troops fought the fight that resulted in Beirut's fall. Many of these Australians, now encamped near Beirut, were present at the ceremonies and cheered the general.

At Damour General de Gaulle met Georges Catroux and both of them rode in an open car into Beirut, where they were joined by the Free French General Paul le Gentilhomme and Colonel Edgard Rene Marie de Larminat. General le Gentilhomme's arm was in a sling because of a wound suffered in the battle that preceded the taking of Damascus.

In the afternoon General de Gaulle, accompanied by General Catroux, received consular staffs and the heads of the various religious faiths in Lebanon. Later he called on the Lebanese Council President and other State officials.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Stock Exchange in London yesterday displayed a generally firm and cheerful tendency under the influence of the Allied move to Iran and the stimulating Churchill speech but business failed to expand and markets closed quieter.

Anglo-Iranian was the firm feature throughout rising 3s. to £3. 6s. 10d. Burma oil was also good. Gilt-edged securities were steady, industrials slightly harder, Kafirs tended higher, Japanese Bonds went up one point and Brazilian Bonds were also better. Wall Street was dull. —Reuter.

WIN AND DEFEAT FOR NAVY "B"

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, Royal Navy "B" beat Middlesex "B" 2-1 on Sunday.

Last night European Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Navy "B" 4-2. N. D. Booker (2) A. F. May and L. A. Benn scored for "Y" and Lieut. H. G. Thompson (2) for Navy.

TO-DAY'S GAMES
Following is to-day's programme of matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament.

AT ARMY POOL
"Y" v 5th A.A. R.A.
(6.30 p.m.) v Royal Navy "B"
36th R.A. (7.00 p.m.) v Middlesex "B"
8th R.A. (7.30 p.m.)
Signals v 965th R.A.
(8.00 p.m.)

Bobby Jones's team, in a challenge match, has beaten the United States 1939 Ryder Cup team by 8½ points to 6½. The foursomes played on Saturday and Sunday resulted in a 3-2 lead for the Ryder Cup team. Ten singles were played yesterday. —Reuter.

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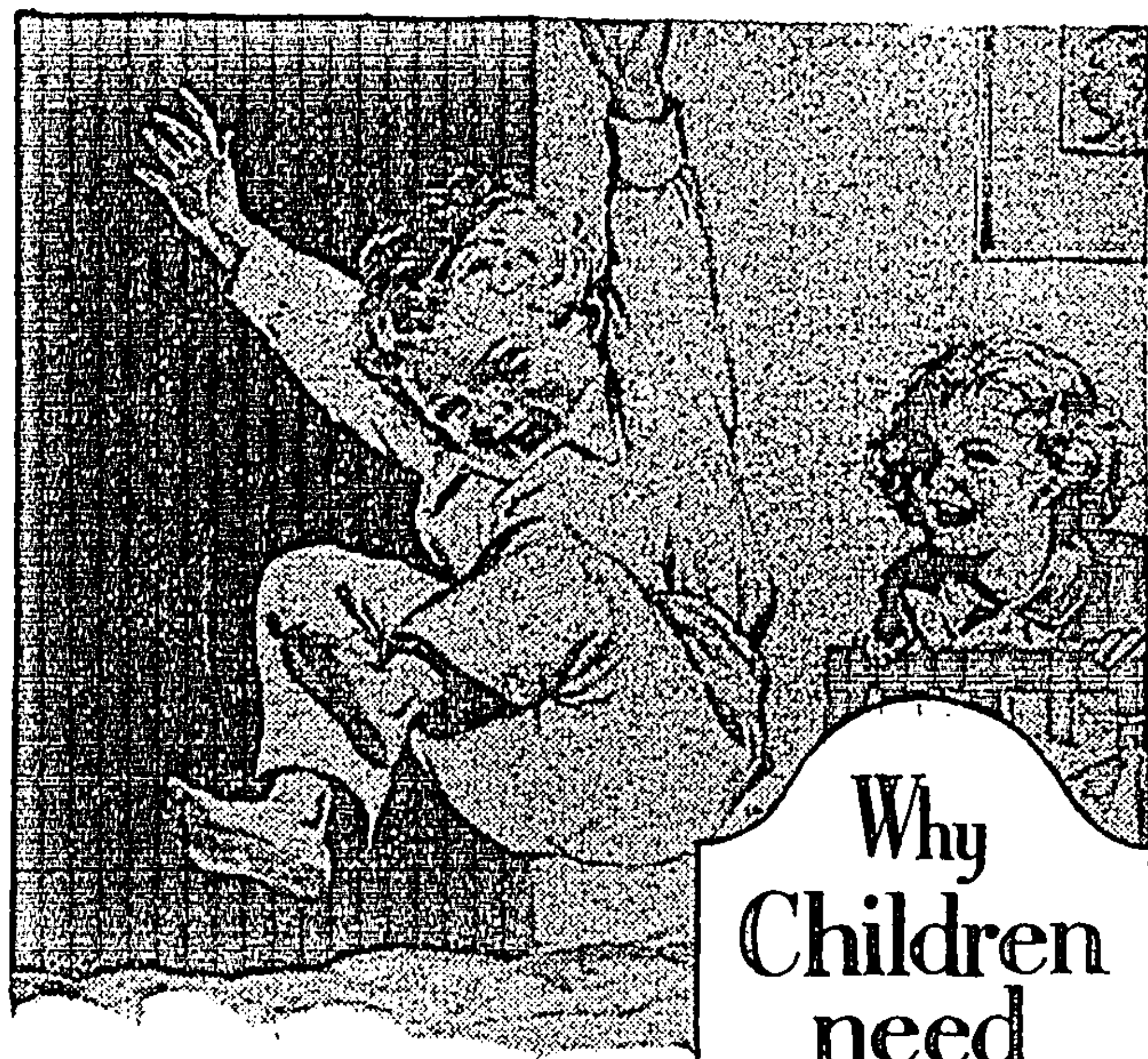
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NAVY SOCCER PRACTICES

By "Incog"

The Navy are doing things in the right way this season in regard to preparation for the approaching football season, and a visit to the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, any evening, will bear out this statement.

I had heard whispers of "secret training," and in order to satisfy my curiosity, I made the trip to the ground several evenings ago. I was not disappointed for, I don't remember ever having seen training by any football team on such an organised scale before.

Before going further into this training scheme, I would like to mention that it was all thought, planned and concocted by none other than that very keen supporter of football, Mr. D. M. Mitchell. He had gone to a great deal of trouble to get the thing organised and started, but after the lads had been down there once, there was never any more doubt as to "whether it would work."

Class Popular

This class has been going on now for well on a fortnight, and though the nature of naval duties are such that it is not possible for the same crowd to be present every evening, there has not been any falling off in the numbers attending, and that alone speaks volumes for the keenness of the men and the organiser.

Light exercises were the order of the day for the first week or so, "just to knock the old body into shape," as one of them said. Then light ball practice was started—kicking the ball around, ball control and shooting—and, according to the schedule, heavier work will commence next week, with perhaps short pick-up games to follow before full-time practice matches are indulged in.

Prospects Bright

Mr. Mitchell is also very enthusiastic about the men, and the chances of Royal Navy in Senior Division Football this coming season. And so he should be, for in addition to all the stalwarts of last season, with the exception of Honeywill, he will have a number of young fellows who are new to the Colony.

Players who have taken part in these training classes to date include: Le Page, Croft, Rushman, Pratt, Roughly, C.R. Rutter, Huckle, Breese, Britt, Hawkesworth, Worth, Hendy, Spradbury, Hocking, Anderson, Miers and Shipwilt.

HONG KONG WIN INTERPORT

Hong Kong beat Macao on Sunday in the Miniature Football Interport by 2 goals to 1 at Macao. Lai Chung-yin and Chan Chak-kai scored for Hong Kong.

A. A. Noronha will soon be busy getting together a V.R.C. track team for the Winter months. According to him, there is every possibility of an attempt being made to hold athletic championships this season, and the initiative will be taken either by European Y.M.C.A. or V.R.C.



Competitors and spectators at the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday. Miss "Jackie" Anderson (French Convent), who won the 50 Yards free-style race and tied with Miss C. Gutierrez (St. Mary's School) in the diving, is seen in the middle of the second row, with a towel over her shoulders, and sitting next to her is Miss Yvonne Yoffe, also of French Convent.

HONG KONG HAS EXCELLENT JUNIOR SWIMMING TALENT JUDGING FROM V.R.C. SPORTS

By "Incog"

The form revealed at the Inter-School Swimming Gala at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday must have been most gratifying to the sponsors, and augurs well for the future of swimming in the Colony.

It is true that, in some cases, over-anxiousness to win tended to "spoil the swimming from the high standard point of view," more especially in the case of the juniors, but this is, fortunately, a fault that will naturally disappear with experience, and for that reason need not be viewed with too much concern.

While the boys treated the spectators to some very keen competition, it was left to the girls to bring off the high-

light of the evening, this happening in the 50 Yards free-style event, when Miss Jackie Anderson returned the excellent time of 31 seconds flat, to beat a club-mate in Miss Celeste Gutierrez by a touch, the latter again being about the same distance ahead of Miss Ko Miu-ling.

In this event, with three of the Colony's best swimmers in action, excluding, of course, the title-holder, Miss Vivienne Churn, the high standard set was as expected, but in the 50 Yards back-stroke, Miss Anderson surprised even her most ardent supporter when she gave Miss Gutierrez a close race, losing by only a touch. It is generally felt that if she were to take up this department of swimming seriously, she would develop into just as good a back-stroker as she is a free-styler, and for those who have seen her in the latter events that is saying a good deal.

Diving Faults

The boys who took part in the Junior Diving event did quite well. Their form through the air and their take-off generally were the weakness, but as far as their entry into the water was concerned, that was very good and clean, and the performers were justly applauded by the crowd. The winner of this event, K. Thomas of St. Stephen's, was very good and with more concentration on the take-off he would do even better.

Coming to the sprint events, I am afraid the style and form displayed was not as good as was expected, but this defect was more than made-up for in power. William Teo, who won the 100 Yards free-style, should develop into an excellent swimmer if some experienced coach takes him in hand. His time of 62-1/5 secs. for that distance was very good, considering his tender years—the Colony record (held by D. Hutchinson) is 59-1/5 secs. My advice to him would be to concentrate on this, and if he gets the proper training I expect him to be a strong challenger in future Open Championships.

The competitors in the Boys' Senior breast-stroke showed very good form, and all those who took part in the 100 Yards gave promise of developing into really fine performers. Kōng Yung-wing, who won this event, is already receiving the benefit of coaching at one of the Chinese bathing clubs, and others would be well-advised to follow suit.

Lopes Wins Easily

A. V. Lopes, who is being coached and trained at V.R.C. by Gussie Noronha, won the 100 Yards back-stroke quite easily. He was expected to do so as, in a recent 50 Yards race at V.R.C., he beat A. K. Runjahn, though in fairness it must be said that the Colony champion had, only a few minutes previously, taken part in a very strenuous race. Young Lopes has a very fine physique, and more should be heard of him in the future.

This lad also won the 220 Yards free-style, but here it must be mentioned that he showed the glaring fault of what is generally known as the "straight arm action." After the arms enter the water they turn outward instead of inward. If he can correct this fault and pay more attention to the importance of rhythm, rather than power, he ought to make a good middle distance swimmer. His stamina has already been proven.

Taking everything into consideration, the gala was an unqualified success, even though the Summer Holidays limited the entries. It is a pity that more schools do not boast swimming baths of their own. As far as I know King's College and St. Paul's Girls' College are the only ones to enjoy this amenity, though, of course, the boys at St. Stephen's have their own beach at Stanley. More opportunities for training in a bath would result in improvement all round and a higher standard in school swimming generally.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms for the Colony Swimming Championships, which will be held on September 23 and 27, and October 2 and 4 have been circulated to all clubs.

Heats will be held between September 9 and September 13. By spreading the heats and championship over so many days it is hoped to give all competitors a chance of participating in as many events as they desire.

Volunteer duties will be taken into consideration when the programme of events for the Championships and heats are drawn up.

The Annual Harbour race will be held the week following the championships.

Considerable interest was aroused the other day in local tennis circles by a report, published in one of the Chinese papers, to the effect that Indian Recreation Club had just recruited a 17-year-old tennis wonder, who had wiped the floor with the Runjahn and, in fact, with anybody he had met. This report, however, proves to be somewhat "premature," no such tennis player having joined the "Socunpoo" club, where some members said they "hoped to goodness there was some truth in the report!"

ALL WINNERS AND PLACED PONIES FOR FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON

Hong Kong Jockey Club's record book for the first half of the 1941 racing season was distributed recently, and from this informative publication we have compiled the following complete list of 1941 winners and placed ponies with the total stakes money won up to June 30, 1941:—

CHINA PONIES			
	1	2	3
Advancing Time	0	0	\$2,800
Arabian Cat	0	0	975
Ascol Vale	1	0	1,900
Avon	2	0	6,750
Blue Diamond	0	0	3,450
Blue Field	3	0	2,350
Boat Bay	0	0	9,425
Bressay	0	0	2,450
Burford	0	0	6,222
Celtic Star	0	0	1,742
Charlesber	1	1	2,300
Chatterbox	0	0	3,550
Confusion Bay	1	1	15,250
Conquering Time	1	0	4,875
Desert Star	0	0	3,513
Dow Jones	1	2	1,850
Dupont Bay	0	0	3,400
Emergency Unit	0	0	1,000
Eve of Dancin	1	1	2,650
Eve of Deception	0	1	500
Eve of Folly	1	0	1,700
Eve of Grandeur	1	0	1,000
Eve of Harvest	0	3	9,000
Eve of Heaven	0	0	3,050
Eve of Hunting	0	3	1,916
Eve of Peace	2	0	1,800
Eve of Reason	2	0	2,625
Expansion Time	0	1	6,357
Forty-Six	1	0	600
Galaxy	1	0	6,650
Gallant Marshal	1	1	1,750
Galveston Bay	2	1	5,350
Gay Star	0	0	1,900
Gladiator	1	0	17,703
Guinness Time	0	0	5,100
Happy Eve	0	0	3,987
Heddon	0	3	2,425
Hillsboro Bay	1	0	2,550
Hopful Star	0	2	3,000
Hundrum Eve	0	0	8,190
Iron Beauty	0	0	1,700
Jack O' Lantern	0	0	2,825
Jane Doe	0	0	800
Jennifer	0	1	4,050

AUSTRALIAN PONIES			
	1	2	3
A Good Time	0	0	\$ 550
A Grand Time	0	0	1,737
A Green Time	0	0	600
A Happy Time	2	1	2,950
Ajax	0	0	2,250
A Luxurious Time	1	0	1,750
Amber II	1	0	3,400
Amulet Star	1	0	1,500
Amusement Tax	0	0	1,250
Angel of Glory	1	0	1,000
Annabella	0	0	3,376
Anzac Day	0	2	1,300
Araxy II	1	0	1,000
A Roaring Time	0	0	2,450
A Rosy Time	0	2	1,250
A Surprising Time	2	1	4,100
Australian Diamond	1	2	5,250
Australian Prince	0	0	900
Battle Bay	1	1	6,400
Battle	0	1	500
Bendemeer	0	0	1,000
Bendigo	1	0	2,390
Black Seal	1	0	2,500
Blue Govt	0	0	75
Bona Victoria	1	1	1,000
Bredon	0	0	3,100
Brown Derby	0	0	3,400
Bruno	0	0	1,075
Brutus	1	0	1,075
Buckfastleigh	0	1	100
Bugle	1	2	3,900
Bushlight	0	0	400
Casino	0	0	300
Catterick Bridge	3	0	4,125
Centre Court	1	0	6,750
Cheerful Star	1	1	3,325
Chiltern	0	0	3,301
Cockleford	0	0	2,500
Coloma	1	1	2,750
Colorado Star	0	0	1,500
Comber	1	1	5,160
Contact	0	2	2,750
Corair	1	0	3,000
Corvette	0	1	500
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U.S. NAVY MISCU 13 TIMES IN GOING DOWN 18-16 TO H.K. ALL-STARS

By "Grandstand"

THE PORTUGUESE INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL SQUAD PROVED TO BE A FALSE ALARM AS THE STARS AND STRIPES ELIMINATED THEM FROM THE SERIES WITH A 12 TO 2 HITTING SPREE ON SATURDAY, WHILST SUNDAY'S DOUBLE-HEADER WAS FEATURED BY A MULTITUDE OF ERRORS THE LAST-MINUTE MAKE-SHIFT GREAT BRITAIN CONTINGENT BUNGLING 16 CHANCES IN A FIVE INNING FRACAS IN WHICH THEY WERE SUBDUED BY THE CHINESE 18 TO 3.

Lou Pawloski's U.S. Navy "dough-nut" infield miscued 13 times in going down to Hong Kong All-Stars 18 to 16 in the second game of the Charity series — they lost the first 5 to 4.

It seems that this corner called the turn last Saturday when it doped that Lou Pawloski, Potent Polack, was losing his smoke, as he was shelved from the slab by the All-Stars in the first frame, after conceding a lead of four counters on three safeties, including Al Lau's three-run triple, and was connected for a two-run single in the fifth when he came in to relieve slabster Henry Ruel with the bases choked.

Tony To Rescue

Henry "Crooner" Ruel, replacing Pawloski on the mound in the second, yielded seven safeties for the next four cantos, whilst Tony Mascavage, who was called in to put out the fire, tossed two hitless innings.

Both Pawloski and Ruel fanned one, but Ruel passed four to first during his mound tenure, whilst Ski walked two, Mount Victor Wally "Dimples" Ching, who was called in to relieve Bill Chang after the latter had been blasted out of the box with a seven hit barrage to net the sailors nine runs in the first, whiffed one and issued one free pass to first.

All-Stars Rally

After overcoming a four-run deficit, the blue-jackets led 12 to 10 at the end of the fourth frame, but All-Stars staged an uprising in the fifth to regain the lead, by bunting the Navy infield ragged, and when the dust had cleared, seven runs had already crossed the pay-off station. All-Stars added another in the sixth, but the sailors slimmed the lead with four tallies on four solid blows in their half of the session.

Excitement reached fever pitch when the blue-jackets came up for their last time to bat, trailing two runs. Gerry Gosano camped under Jersey Groneck's long holst for the first eureka, whilst Hank All pulled down Earl Wilson's towering fly for the second out. Lou Pawloski grounded to short, and the fans were getting ready to leave when George Souza heaved a wild one to first-sacker Hank Chan.

Bases Loaded

Henry Ruel singled to advance Pawloski, whilst Souza bobbled again to souse the sacks. Mack McKenzie, who had fanned the breeze in his three previous batting attempts found himself walking up to the box for a chance to be the golden-haired hero of the day, but all he could do was to produce a weak pop fly, which Souza swallowed to end the game.

Henry Ruel, still strutting around on one leg, earned batting honours of the day with a four-in-five attackwork performance, whilst Hong Kongite Al Lau, and Tony Mascavage, the hammering hind-snatcher, both poled out triples. Lou Pawloski atoned for his poor mound performance with a handsome three-in-four willow welding, which included a brace of doubles.

Make-Shift Team

After delaying almost an hour behind schedule, "Sarge" Welford managed to round up a team from the spectators to make up the Great Britain squad which went down 18 to 3 to "Grandpa" Leung's Chinese contingent in a five inning game highlighted by Bob Foley's circuit clout.

Chinese slabster Al Lau whiffed five and walked three, whilst losing hurler Mack Shaw fanned five and passed two in a 13-hit massacre.

DID YOU KNOW?

A big league club buys two grey (road) and two white (home) uniforms for each player, but the player must buy his own bats, gloves and shoes.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Second Division League Tennis programme and some of the teams:

C. R. C. v. K. C. C.
S. C. A. A. v. A. T. C.
C. R. C. v. Ho Ka-lau and Choy Ping-tun; Ng Kam-chuen and Pang Oh-lam; Liang Sal-wah and Leung Ping-chiu.
S. C. A. A. v. K. H. Ip and W. H. Ho; W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh; S. C. Dow and K. C. Wan.

To-morrow's Softball At Caroline Hill

Eddie (El Loco) Marques Merry Madcaps will take on Harry Campos' Furioso nine in a friendly Softball encounter to-morrow afternoon at 6 p.m. at Caroline Hill.

It is understood that mentor Harry Campos will make an application to join the First Division of the League should his Furioso nine beat the Madcaps, whilst Eddie Marques is all out to maintain an unbeaten record.

Holders Swapped

Hitting hurler Gerry Gosano almost at random, the United States contingent under mentor Lou Pawloski swapped the Portuguese patriots 12 to 2 on Saturday to qualify to meet China in the Final this week.

Moundsman Henry Ruel doled out two measly singles, whilst his mates unleashed a deluge of 12 safeties, including "Greasy" Moore's base-clearing triple with the bases full and Earl Wilson's four-master in the last semester.

Charity Football Elevens

Following have been chosen to play in the charity football match on Saturday, September 13, at Caroline Hill in aid of the funds of the Chen Chen-wo ("Darky" Chen) Scholarship.

Hong Kong:—Tam Kwan-kon (South China); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) and Leo Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Lam, Tai-po (South China) and Kwok Ying-ke (Sing Tao); Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), Chan Tai-fai (South China), Lal Shul-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Shanghai:—Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Y. S. Yen (Eastern) and Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern); Kui Wing-fook (Sing Tao), Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) and Lau Tze-chun (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern) v. K. Hyul (Eastern); Leo Wai-tong (South China), C. T. Tsao (Eastern) and Leo Shok-yau (South China).

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following are the two remaining games in the Fourth Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, and indications are that they will be played this afternoon:

At Club de Recreio
W. B. Harris and A. Soutar v. N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club
S. R. Sollina and K. M. Omar v. S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd.

N. L. Smith, Civil Service Cricket Club cricketer, is likely to be playing soccer more often for Hong Kong Football Club this season.



Here are some of the United States players who beat Portugal (holders) 12 to 2 on Saturday to enter the Final, where they will meet China. From left to right are "Puddlejumper" Wilson, Lou Pawloski (manager), Pete Elder, Bowersox, "Greasy" Moore, and Tony Mascavage. Behind Wilson, in the grandstand, is American second-string pitcher "Muddy" Ruel.

HONYWILL DOES WELL IN SHANGHAI

ROYAL NAVY MADE A WELCOME RETURN TO CRICKET IN SHANGHAI WHEN THEY MET A SCRATCH SHANGHAI CRICKET CLUB TEAM AND WON BY FOUR WICKETS. IT WAS A TWO-EVENING MATCH, CRICKET CLUB BATTING FIRST AND SCORING 109 WITH A. J. HARVEY TOP SCORER WITH 22, WHILE R. GATES HELPED WITH 20.

J. Honywill, Navy footballer and Rugby player, did well with the ball, taking 5 for 31 in 11.1 overs.

Navy scored 126, Honywill hitting up 23 valuable runs. J. Maringer top-scored with 30 and W. Cuming made 20. Most successful bowler for S.C.C. was Harvey, who had 4 for 15.

Clubs requiring the services of referees or linesmen for pre-season friendly games are asked to communicate with Mr. Board, at the N.A.A.F.I., or Mr. F. J. Silva, of the Treasury. Referees will welcome the opportunity of officiating at these games for the sake of training.

A. A. da Roza, who has only just taken up lawn bowls this season, is now a very keen novice jockey and is seen at the Race Course almost every morning. He was at one time a very promising swimmer but has been missed from competitive events for some time now.

Due to the fact that the Saturday morning "pows" at the Valley are held on the cinder track, the "gate" is not used for the start, and the field is sent away by the "flag system" with Mr. A. H. Potts No. 1 starter, ably assisted by Mr. C. W. Walker, manager of the Jockey Club Stables, in charge.

ROYALS ENTERTAINED BY LAI TSUN

LAI TSUN ENTERTAINED AND BEAT ROYAL SCOTS BY 21 POINTS TO 3 IN A RETURN SWIMMING ENCOUNTER AT CHINESE Y.M.C.A. LAST NIGHT, MACHUGH, SUTHERLAND AND DAVIDSON SECURING THE POINTS FOR ROYALS.

After the swimming the prizes were by distributed by Mrs. Tsang Sjiu-sang.

Lai Tsun are meeting University on Saturday in a friendly contest at Chinese "Y" at 8.30 p.m.

Following were last night's results:

Men's 50 Yards Free-Style:—1. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); 2. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun); 2. Pte. MacHugh (Royal Scots).

Men's 220 Yards Free-Style (Invitation):—1. Yau Sak-kwan (Lai Tsun); 2. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 3. Tai Yuet-moon (Residents' Union). Time: 2 min. 51.3 secs.

Ladies' 120 Yards Medley Relay:—1. (Lai Tsun), Miss Sa Wai-ying (back), Miss Tsang Fung-kwan (breast) and Miss Ko Miu-ling (free-style). Time: 1 min. 26 1/5 secs. 2. (H.K. and Kowloon Residents' Union) Miss Sum Pat.

Men's 100 Yards Breast-Stroke (Members):—1. Luk Sze-shing; 2. King Yim-wing; 3. Tsang Cheung-po. Time: 1 min. 22 4/5 secs.

Men's 50 Yards Back-Stroke:—1. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun); 2. Lau Ying-ling (Lai Tsun); 3. Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots). Time: 34 3/8 secs.

Men's 100 Yards Free-Style (Members):—1. Chan Chun-nam; 2. Yau Sui-wing; 3. Lai Tai-ping. Time: 63 1/5 secs.

50 Yards Free-Style (Junior):—1. Lo Suk-fook and Miss Mok Sam-lan tied; 3. Ko Wai-hung. Time: 35 2/5 secs.

Men's 120 Yards Medley Relay:—1. (Lai Tsun), Lam Ying-ling (back), Yau Sak-kwan (breast), and Tsang Cheong-ming (free-style); 2. (Royal Scots), Cpl. Sutherland (back), Cpl. Davidson (breast) and Pte. MacHugh (free-style). Time: 1 min. 17 1/5 secs.

Ladies' 100 Yards Free-Style (Handicap):—1. Miss Ko Miu-ling; 2. Miss Tsang Fung-kwan and 3. Miss Sa Wai-ying. Time: 77 secs.

Men's 50 Yards Breast-Stroke:—1. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); 2. Yau Sak-kwan (Lai Tsun); 3. Cpl. Davidson (Royal Scots). Time: 32 2/5 secs.

Men's 280 Yards Free-Style Relay:—1. (Lai Tsun), Lo Shu-fook, Lau Tai-ping, Yau Sak-kwan and Tsang Cheong-ming; 2. (Royal Scots), Pte. MacHugh, Pte. Plummer, Cpl. Davidson and Lt. Hunter. Time: 3 mins. 11 secs.

European Y.M.C.A. are commencing their swimming championships this evening. They will be continued on Thursday night.

Victoria Recreation Club, Second Division softball champions are applying for admission to First Division, and if this is granted they will be entering two additional teams in Second Division.

REFEREES' CLASS WELL ATTENDED

In spite of the inclement weather the Football Referees' class yesterday was well attended. There were 35 candidates present, including nine civilians, among whom were E. L. Strange of Hong Kong Football Club and N. Delgado of International.

Lieut. Crossby and Pte. Emmons were the lecturers.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, when Mr. Foster will talk on the off-side rule.

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ATTITUDE OF IRAN

Statement By Premier To Iranian Parliament

Lease And Lend Request

President Roosevelt is reported to have discussed with his legislative advisers yesterday the new Lease and Lend request of five to six thousand million dollars which he intends to make about September 15.

Informed quarters state that the exact amount of the request has not yet been determined.

Estimates of the cost of the new programme is still being obtained from the Government Departments concerned.

Yesterday's conferees are reported to have re-affirmed the previous decision that none of the new funds will be used for helping Russia, and one conferee told reporters that "Russia has funds to buy things with now, and for sometime to come, and we won't have to finance her purchases."

Reuter.

MINES SIGHTED

Three mines were sighted drifting into the harbour at 8.25 a.m. to-day. The Water Police and Naval Authorities were notified and the necessary measures have been taken.

Necessary Measures Taken

BRITISH FORCES HAVE BOMBED AND SHELLED SEVERAL IRANIAN TOWNS, ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN PREMIER, ADDRESSING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO THE TEHERAN RADIO.

The Premier said: "You all know that at the beginning of the present war, the Iranian Government in accordance with the wishes of the Shah, declared the strict neutrality of the country, which policy has been applied in every sense of the word, and to the best of our ability."

"We followed a policy of friendship and cordiality with all countries in touch with Iran, especially our neighbours."

"Nevertheless, the British Government, in agreement with the Russian, presented a memorandum asking Iran to expel the majority of the Germans in the country."

"The Iranian Government assured those governments that Iran was watching every move by all foreigners in the country and no danger could arise from the small number of Germans."

"With a view to calming Britain and Russia, the Iranian Government took special steps to reduce the number of Germans in the country and did their best to satisfy the British and Russian Governments."

Four A.M. Call

"It is most regrettable that despite all the efforts of the Iranian Government to preserve peace, the

STICKING TO HIS STORY

After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles yesterday, the Iranian Minister in Washington told reporters that there were no German agents in Iran and that the Russo-British allegations to the contrary was "only a pretext" for invasion.

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British and Soviet representatives, instead of discussing matters in a peaceful understanding way arrived at my house at 4 a.m. to-day with a threatening memorandum.

"According to reports reaching me, it appears that the British and Soviet forces crossed the border even before the representatives arrived at my house. The British have attacked ships in Iranian ports and British planes and guns have already bombed and shelled some Iranian towns."

"The Iranian authorities have taken all necessary measures to meet the situation."—Reuter.

THAILAND CABINET CHANGES

DR. SONGGRAM, PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND, WHO FORMERLY HELD THE ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIOS OF DEFENCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE INTERIOR, AND WHO RECENTLY DIVESTED HIMSELF OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRY, HAS NOW APPOINTED TWO INDEPENDENT MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF THE INTERIOR.

Nai Direk Chainam, formerly Deputy Minister of the Interior, receives the Cabinet post, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in Bangkok.

It will be recalled that Major Luang Kowit Aphaiwong was appointed Defence Minister on August 19. — Reuter.

NEW ALLIES FOR THE SOVIET

(Continued from Page 1) Ukraine or in the marshy country round Leningrad. — Reuter.

Novgorod Falls

The evacuation of Novgorod is announced in the Soviet midnight communique which states: "During Monday our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the whole front. After tenacious fighting, our troops left Novgorod."

"In the course of August 24, 46 enemy planes were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost six planes. In the Black Sea, one of our warships sank a German submarine."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

IRAN WAS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE ADVICE

THOUGH THE FULL TEXT OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THE BRITISH MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 16, HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, THE FULL SUMMARY MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOT PREPARED TO FALL IN WITH THE URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BRITISH AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS, SAYS REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT FROM LONDON.

The Iranian Government declares that it has been its policy to ask all those foreigners to leave the country who have no special employment, and whose presence there is unnecessary, in addition to those whose positions can be filled by Iranians.

It adds that this policy is being carried out with greater care and speed as the result of the British Government's representations.

Furthermore, as entry into the country, residence and movements of foreigners is controlled, there was no cause for anxiety since nothing had occurred to justify it.

The Government emphasised that their neutrality will not allow them to put into practice, in respect of nationals of one state, steps which would be contrary to their treaties and which would lead to the abandonment of their rigidly neutral course.

Nazi Scheme

These superficially admirable sentiments do not accord well with the evident intention of the German community in Iran. There is no doubt that Germany had every intention of using her nationals in Iran as and when the war situation required.

There is reason to believe that, counting on the complacency and inactivity by the British Government, the Germans had hoped to make further efforts to establish themselves in the Middle East, where in addition to the threat to British interests they would be in

a position to exert considerable additional pressure upon Turkey and would menace the whole of the Arab world.

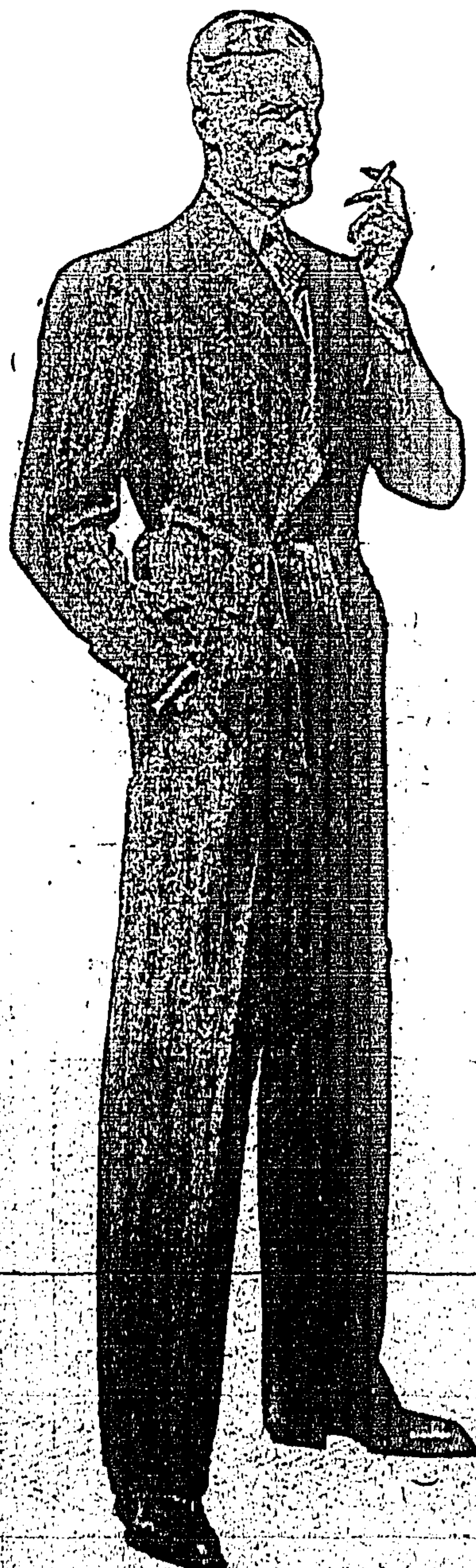
Not Prepared

On this occasion Great Britain has not been prepared to wait, and there is reason to believe that the line taken will meet with the strong approval of all friends of democracy.

Intimidated by Nazi methods and military might, Iran has always been reluctant to take any step, however well it might be justified, which was liable to offend Germany.

There has also been too ready acquiescence in any demands the Germans put forward.

German penetration into Iran has aroused much anxiety in Russia, because an air attack from Iran bases would take the Soviet oilfields in the rear. For this and other strategic reasons, Russia has always shown the keenest interest in Iran, determined to ensure that she shall not be dominated by any foreign power. — Reuter.



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FAR EAST HIGHLY DELICATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The situation in the Far East is regarded as at a highly delicate stage by the State Department, it can be authoritatively stated.

Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, had a further long talk on Saturday and while no details are forthcoming, it is known that the discussion failed to produce any common ground.

Admiral Nomura's attitude disclosed that the Japanese are determined to stick to their "New Order" policy, just as the American Government are determined to prevent Japanese domination of the western Pacific by force.

It is learned that Admiral Nomura hinted that Tokyo felt that quick settlement of the crisis was possible if America conceded Japan a free hand in China, while Mr. Cordell Hull indicated America's unwillingness to discuss a settlement while Japan remained a member of the Axis, at the same time seeking to persuade Admiral Nomura that it would be in the best interests of Japan to develop friendly relations with the United States and other nations seeking orderly and peaceful processes of adjustment. — International News Service.

U.S. NAVY TAKES OVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Navy Department yesterday took over the Kearney shipbuilding yards in New Jersey.

As the naval men entered, the strike pickets were withdrawn from the plant.

The Navy will assume responsibility for the completion of two cruisers, four destroyers and four merchantmen on the stocks in the yard.

Within a few hours of the naval entry, Union officials ordered sixteen thousand workers in the yard to return to work. The strike has lasted 17 days. — International News Service.

MR. DUFF COOPER ABOARD CLIPPER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, who is to be representative of the British War Cabinet in the Far East, left San Francisco for Singapore by Clipper this morning. — International News Service.

Lady Northcote has arrived in the Colony.

NO CHALLENGE TO VLADIVOSTOK SHIPMENTS LIKELY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Vichy News Agency reports from Tokyo that the Japanese are unlikely to offer any obstacle to the shipment of high-octane aeroplane petrol and other war materials from the United States to Vladivostok through "Japanese-controlled" waters. — International News Service.

Teargas To End Strike

Labour tension has risen in Shanghai and the strike of the workers of the Shanghai General Omnibus Company has passed into its second day.

So far, the strikers have presented no demands.

Police threw tear-gas bombs among strikers engaged on a sit-down strike at the Andersen, Meyer plant, where 700 have downed tools but refused to vacate the premises until the arrival of the police.

The police fear violence may develop in connection with the bus strike and have placed guards at all the company's depots while riot vans are patrolling the streets. The transport system of the city is virtually paralysed. — International News Service.

U.S. INCOME TAX

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Finance Committee of the Senate, of which Senator George is chairman, yesterday approved the insertion into the new tax bill of a clause reducing the individual income exemptions to \$1,500 in the

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THAT THE GERMANS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR HAVE BEEN CONTENDING BITTERLY FOR THREE DAYS AGAINST A VIOLENT RUSSIAN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IS ADMITTED IN AN OFFICIAL GERMAN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN BERLIN.

The Germans claim that the Russians suffered heavy losses in men and material, but well-informed London quarters say that the Gomel-Smolensk blows by General Koniev have achieved their objective.

The Germans have been thrown back in disorder at danger points and the German drive towards Kharkov from Gomel, which was designed to outflank Marshal Budenny's army in the Ukraine, has been completely blocked.

The Russians have admitted that Novgorod has been abandoned in the Leningrad area, after a battle which has raged for five days, but though intense fighting continues, there is no indication of any decisive gains either way.

The Moscow High Command claims successful defence in the Dniepro-Petrovsk sector, and claims the destruction of the Rumanian Third Division, with a loss of more than ten thousand men at Odessa.

Odessa Battle

In this connection, the Rumanian General Staff asserts that the fortress ring round Odessa has been breached at several points and that Russian troops are "frantically fleeing by sea and the fall of the city is imminent."

The Finnish High Command claims that all territory ceded to Russia has been re-taken, except in the Viborg and Hangoe regions, while the Russian reference to the fighting on the Finnish frontier is limited to the statement that heavy fighting continues round Kexholm.

"Pravda" issued a warning yesterday that "the German military machine is not yet exhausted and more stubborn and costly battles are ahead in the main centres."

The paper calls on all workers to increase still further their output of planes, tanks, and munitions supplies. — International News Service.

case of married persons and \$750 for single men.

The reduction of basic allowances is expected to produce an additional US\$350,000,000 in revenue. — International News Service.

RESTIVE FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE VICHY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, M. PUCHEAU, HAS CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO ISSUE A FORMAL DENIAL THAT FRANCE IS IN A STATE OF "VIRTUAL REVOLUTION."

In his statement, M. Pucheu acknowledged that extensive "Communist" sabotage had occurred, and he put it down to orders from Moscow, adding that the campaign created great dangers for the inhabitants of the Nazi-occupied area. — International News Service.

SHAH DECIDES TO FIGHT

--Says Berlin

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin Radio last night put out a "report from Ankara" stating that the Shah Riza Khan Pahlevi has issued orders to resist the British and Russian expeditions.

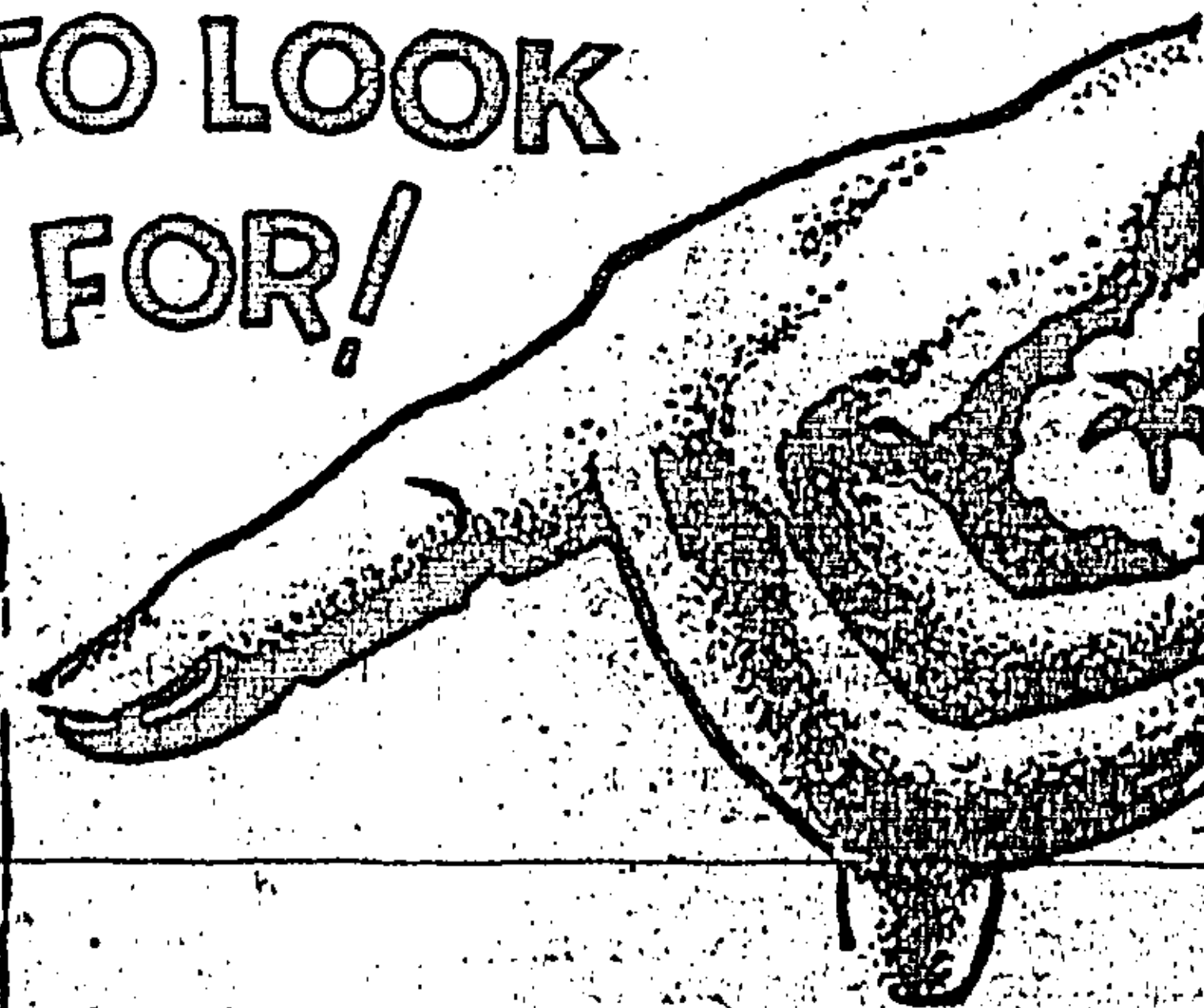
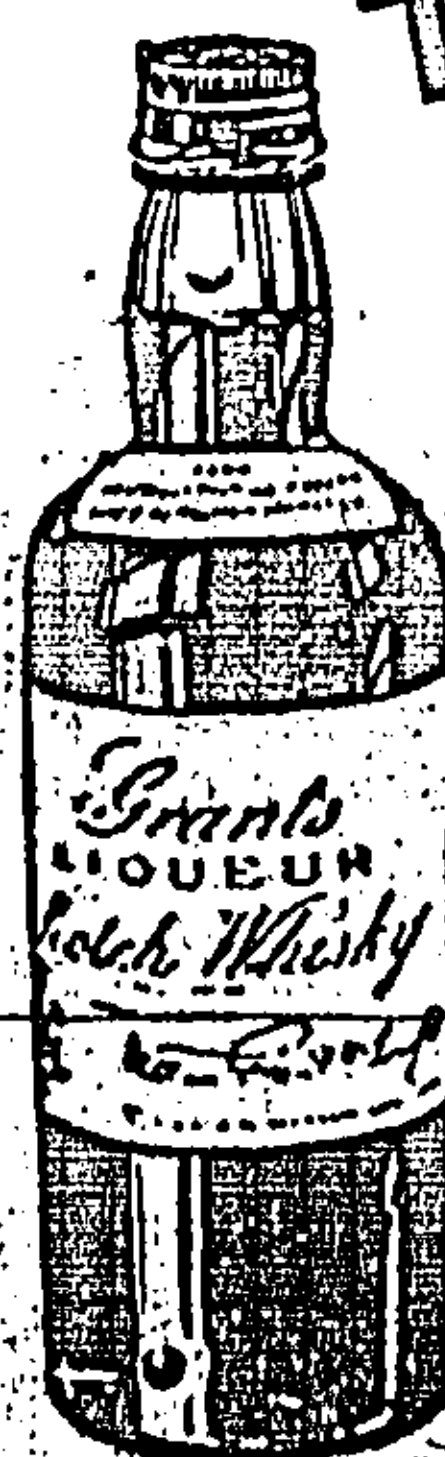
According to Berlin, the Shah has ordered the army and the people to "oppose with all arms the Anglo-Russian invasion," suggesting that a full-fledged "minor war" is in prospect.

In the absence of any authoritative despatch from Iran, it is not known what resistance the British and Indian troops taking part in the invasion have met.

It is known, however, that the opposition at Bandar Shahpur was swiftly overcome and it is not thought that so far the invading forces have met with any greater resistance than that offered by border defences in Iraq and Syria.

All movements are under the command of General Sir Archibald Wavell and guarantees have been given of withdrawal from the country immediately the German danger is over. — International News Service.

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SOVIET WARNING TO IRAN

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Action Based Upon Treaty Clause

NEWS OF THE SOVIET and British decision to deal effectively with the danger which the situation in Iran presented to both powers in their struggle against Germany was announced on the radio in the fullest detail to the Russian people, says a London message.

It does not come as any surprise to informed observers, and the measured terms of the Soviet Note handed to the Iranian Ambassador speak for themselves. They make the claim that there is no question of any aggression by the Soviet which is acting entirely in self-defence in sending troops into Iran, and bases the action on the clause in the Soviet-Iranian Treaty.

The Iranian Government had been given three separate warnings regarding the attitude which the Soviet Government would be obliged to take in view of the continued activity in Iran of German agents.

From the early part of last year there had been a steady flow of these agents through the Balkans and Turkey on their way to Iran, and in recent months it became increasingly clear that these agents have obtained considerable influence through the commercial enterprises they were running or helping to run.

It is felt in London that no such situation could be allowed to brew in Iran as was produced in Iraq, and the Soviet-British decision nips in the bud any such possibility.

No Designs

At the same time the terms of the Soviet Note make it very clear that the Soviet Union has no territorial designs on Iran. The fact that the British and Soviet Governments are acting in concert will be welcomed in London as further practical proof of their determination to act jointly in crushing Hitler's plans.—Reuter.

CAIRO EXCITED

Great excitement prevailed in Cairo as news gradually spread of the joint Anglo-Russian military action in Iran.

It was felt that it was the first step towards strengthening the weak link in the chain of Middle East Countries.

King Farouk's sister is married to the son of the Shah of Iran otherwise there is little in the way of cultural relations between the two countries which because they belong to opposing Moslem sects are sharply divided on religious grounds.

Unofficial observers consider that operations in Iran are likely to take two forms — firstly, the linking of British and Russian forces by the shortest cut and secondly the drive to the north from Basrah. — Reuter.

AU TAU KILLING

A 35-year-old farmer, Tam Wing, was charged with the murder of a woman, Ah Hoi, in an unnumbered hut at Au Tau during Saturday night and Lo Sau-mui, 42, married woman, was charged with being an accessory before the fact.

Both were remanded for a week by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning at the request of Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser.

DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

The Duchess of Gloucester will not, for the next few months, be undertaking any further public engagements. — Reuter.

CONVOY ATTACKED

SEVEN SHIPS TOTALLING 10,000 TONS WERE LOST FROM A BRITISH CONVOY WHICH WAS ATTACKED OFF THE SPANISH COAST LAST WEEK. IT WAS LEARNED IN LISBON YESTERDAY.

One corvette was the only vessel lost by the escort comparing the German claim to have sunk 25 ships and also to have destroyed two warships. — Reuter.

LITTLE NEWS OF IRAN FIGHTING

According to the latest news from Iran available in authoritative circles in London yesterday afternoon, the British units which entered the country encountered some resistance but it is not yet known where this occurred or how serious the resistance was.

One British contingent made a landing from the sea in the Persian Gulf at Bandar Shapur. It is believed that this contingent met with some resistance but this is not definitely confirmed.

The British forces entering Iran include both British and Indian troops but it is understood that no Dominion troops are involved.

Russian Advance

THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCES THAT RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE ADVANCED 40 KILOMETRES INTO IRAN AND THAT THE ADVANCE CONTINUES, WHILE THE MOSCOW RADIO SAYS THAT SOVIET TROOPS ARE ADVANCING IN THE DIRECTION OF TABRIZ.—REUTER.

CANE FOR YOUTH

Chased and arrested by Mr. B. Xavier after snatching a purse from a Chinese girl at the junction of Portland Street and Prince Edward Road yesterday afternoon, a 16-year-old Chinese lad was ordered to be given six strokes by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

TRADE BAN DECLARED

The Board of Trade in London yesterday made an order prohibiting all export of goods to Iran except under licence as from to-day.—Reuter.

MOSLEM STATES NOTIFIED

(BY REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

The British Government yesterday morning notified Iran's neighbours and two other Moslem states of the action taken in Iran and the reasons therefore.

The countries concerned are Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia.

The Turkish Government, in particular, have been assured that His Majesty's Government pledge themselves in all circumstances to do nothing that would damage Turkey's interests.

The assurance given Iran regarding her political independence and territorial integrity was conveyed to the Turkish Government. The British Government specially has undertaken to interfere as little as possible with domestic economy and life in Iran.

The United States Government also has been kept fully informed of the action taken by the British and Soviet Governments. — Reuter.

SHAH DEPENDENT ON NAZI-INSPIRED ADVICE

(By The Former Chief British Commissioner in Trans-Caucasia)

PERSIANS ARE APT to look inward and not outward. This reflects, too, the outlook of the present dynasty. The Shah has hardly ever gone beyond the confines of Iran, and during the last 20 years has become more and more unapproachable.

For his knowledge of foreign affairs, therefore, he has had to depend entirely upon advice and some of this may not have been altogether disinterested.

For years Iran, and to a lesser degree, Iraq, had been the hot-bed of German intrigue, directed against India and the whole of the Middle East, and latterly these subversive activities have also embraced Russia.

The joint Anglo-Russian action, designed to circumvent this intrigue, and to forestall any Nazi coup d'etat, will consequently be welcomed throughout the Islamic countries, especially as it is emphasised that Iran's political independence and territorial integrity are not at stake.

As the Russians are said to be entering Iran from the Caucasus, it can be assured that they are marching on Tabriz which is on the direct road to Teheran, and is connected to the Baku oil centre, and to Tiflis, on the Russian oil pipeline by railway.

Rail Routes

As the British are entering from the South, it seems that General Wavell has decided to make the most of Iran's principal rail route. This runs from Bandar Shahpur on the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea at Bandar Shah and passes through Teheran on its way. There is no direct connection between this line and the Russian railways, but there is a short line some 70 miles long which runs from Tabriz to a point near the Turkish-Soviet-Iran border, joining the railway between the Russian Black Sea port of Batum and the other oil port of Baku on the Caspian Sea.

Thus the Anglo-Russian advance at once safeguards the rail-

ways and does much to protect more than one great oil bearing centre.

Road Problems

Iran's roads—mainly poor in quality—will provide few difficulties for mechanised and semi-mechanised transport, and though much of the terrain is mountainous, this will not come amiss to General Wavell's forces, most of whom will have had Indian frontier experience where conditions are much more arduous.

As the British can operate from Quetta, in Baluchistan, as well as from the Persian Gulf, communications need not necessarily depend entirely upon sea-borne traffic.

It is true that distances are great, but Quetta can afford to think in terms of distance as she has a ready and adequate supply of high grade petrol practically on her own doorstep, in the oil wells and refineries of Northern India. — Reuter.

CHARGE OF MURDER ATTEMPT

A fight in a cafe in Kowloon City last Friday morning had a sequel before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when Kwan Chu, 44, coolie, was remanded for a week on a charge of wounding with intent to murder.

Accused was alleged to have wounded Chu Shing, in the Ling Nam Cafe, Sa Po Road.

CREATION OF NEW LINK IN MIDDLE EAST

NEWS OF THE ADVANCE into Iran caused great relief throughout the countries covered by the Middle East Command who had been highly conscious of this weak link in the great front which now stretches from West Africa to Singapore.

It is still not known whether the Iranian forces intend to offer resistance but it is thought in Cairo that if resistance is offered it will not be on as large a scale as it was in Syria.

The Iranian Army is believed to number about 19 divisions and is said to be well-trained, but it is lacking in modern equipment. It is reported that their air force consists of only 10 modern aircraft while there are even fewer tanks, of German make.

There is a possibility that the Germans may try and send reinforcements by air but the fact that Russia is acting in cooperation with Britain will make this most difficult.

An advance from Iraq should lead to the rapid linking up of the British and Russian troops. This step towards the creation of a front stretching from Murmansk southwards to the Middle East, Cairo to Basrah, makes a great arc on Germany's east-facing flank. — Reuter.

Titlebaum Trial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Judge Nelson E. Lurton, Commissioner of the U.S. Court in Shanghai, has been appointed temporary Judge to handle the case against Sam Titlebaum in the absence of Judge Milton J. Helmick.

The Titlebaum trial is expected to be fixed shortly. Titlebaum has now spent three weeks at Ward Road gaol pending charges of embezzling U.S. Court property. — International News Service.

Germans Fail To Establish Bridgeheads Over Dnieper

Communiques Tell Little

BOTH THE LATEST Russian and German communiques are exceedingly laconic and add nothing to our knowledge of the situation on the eastern front, writes "Annalist" in London commenting on the Soviet-German military situation.

The Russian communique speaks of severe fighting at Kexholm, Novgorod and Dniepro-Petrovsk while a German communique says operations are proceeding satisfactorily according to plan.

STEP IN IRAN DEPLORED

The Anglo - Russian action in Iran was a step which both Governments deplored but which was forced upon them by the machinations of the Axis powers, said Major-General G. N. Molesworth, Chief of the Army General Staff in India, in Simla to-day.

He added that "for a considerable time based on the bitter experience of Axis Fifth Column activities in those countries which they have over-run and devastated and in such countries as Syria and Iraq, where there plans had been foiled -- we have been increasingly apprehensive over the excessive number of Germans in Iran.

"They were employed not merely as traders and businessmen, scientists, and so-called tourists, but in key positions in Iranian industries and vital communications, such as the post offices, telegraphs, railways etc.

"For many weeks past, His Majesty's Government has in the friendliest terms drawn the attention of the Iranian Government to the fate which had overtaken state after state in Europe.

He added that it was made very clear to the Iranian Government that as the result of the Nazi attack on Russia and its direct threat to Caucasasia, Nazi intrigue and organised activity in Iran was not only a danger to Iran itself but a direct threat to the country's Muslim neighbours, and was a "dagger pointed at the very throat of India." — Reuter.

THURSTON CAUGHT

Stanley Thurston, escaped convict, "the man whom no gaol can hold," was arrested in London yesterday after 152 days' liberty.

He had no identity card, no ration book and no gas mask.

Thurston who is aged 31, escaped from the grim high-walled prison, Dartmoor, on March 25, where he was serving a sentence of five years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention passed in August, 1930, for housebreaking and larceny and for being a habitual criminal. Dartmoor is the fifth prison from which he has escaped. — Reuter.

It would seem therefore that neither side has any special claim to record and that no further German advance has been scored in the Leningrad sector.

Independent information suggests that Marshal Timoshenko's counter-offensive is gathering momentum east of Kiev and may relieve German pressure in the Dnieper Bend where the famous industrial centre of Dniepro-Petrovsk is mentioned for the first time.

Odessa Thorn

There is, however, no suggestion that the Germans have anywhere been able to establish themselves on the east bank of the river.

The German admission that Russian bridgeheads are being attacked suggests that Marshal Budenny is still in comfortable control of the river and that the Russian garrison at Odessa is proving a nasty thorn in the German flank.

Iran Move

THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, IS TAKING PLACE IN THE REGION OF CAUCASUS WHERE THE BRITISH AND RUSSIAN FORCES ARE LIKELY TO ESTABLISH A JUNCTION VERY SOON.

Effect of this open and expeditious route for supplies and, if necessary, reinforcements, should have an appreciable result on operations in southern Russia.

Possibilities of early Royal Air Force collaboration must not be overlooked. — Reuter.

DUSSELDORF RAID

OPERATIONS BY BRITISH BOMBERS WERE STILL RESTRICTED BY BAD WEATHER ON SUNDAY NIGHT STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Communications and industrial objectives at Dusseldorf were sharply attacked.

Three bombers are missing. An aircraft of the Coastal Command is missing from patrol over the North Sea on Sunday morning. — Reuter.

TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

British patrols at Tobruk are active despite continued enemy artillery and mortar fire, states a communique from British Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

One dive-bombing attack during the day did only minor damage. In the frontier area there was intermittent artillery fire and some patrol activity. — Reuter.

JOINS ROOSEVELT CABINET

President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Francis Biddle, the Solicitor-General, to be the new Attorney-General of the United States. — Reuter.



Brilliant and warm sunshine in England this summer was certainly appreciated by these holiday girls. Here is an angle picture as they enjoyed a ball game.

TWENTY TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON TRIPOLI

BRITISH BOMBERS are still busy in the Middle East. A large force of heavy bombers during Sunday night dropped nearly twenty tons of bombs on docks and supply and petrol dumps at Tripoli.

Many direct hits were obtained, says the R.A.F. communique, and more than 30 fires were started, one of them so big that it was visible 135 miles away.

BETTER FOOD FOR LIFEBOATS

Regulations improving the rations carried by lifeboats are to be issued shortly.

It will come as a surprise to most people to know that although Nazi unrestricted submarine and air warfare often condemns merchant seamen to drift for days in lifeboats, the food supplies carried in the boats have remained unchanged since the original regulations were adopted many years ago. Demands for improvement were made to the Ministry of Shipping by the National Union of Seamen and the Merchant Officers' Federation.

Pump Needed

Under the new scale the present provision of water, condensed milk and biscuits will be replaced by biscuits, milk tablets, chocolate, pemmican and water. It will be obligatory to carry airtight and rust-protected containers for the

After the bombing attack, the British aircraft machine-gunned objectives in the harbour area and on the aerodrome at Mellaha.

The attack was carried out from a very low altitude.

During the same night, other aircraft bombed the enemy encampments in the Sollum and Bardia and Gambut regions.

Medium bombers attacked two enemy schooners and an escort vessel in the Gulf of Sirte. One schooner and the escort vessel were sunk. The other schooner was left apparently sinking.

R.A.F. fighters in the Mediterranean intercepted a number of German dive-bombers which attempted to attack British shipping and shot one down into the sea.

Photos show that an enemy merchant ship attacked by bombers at Tripoli on the night of August 21, has sunk. Positions in the Debarach region of Abyssinia were bombed on Sunday and bodies of troops were machine-gunned.

All aircraft returned safely from these operations. — Reuter.

Where space permits, provision of increased quantities of the specified foods is recommended, and also the carrying of nuts and dried fruits.

Another reform will be the supplying of a hand-pump to each lifeboat in a foreign-going ship. Formerly only a bucket and baler were furnished.

IF JAPAN HEEDS

The Indian press approvingly features Mr. Churchill's broadcast assuring the world of ultimate triumph for the defenders of freedom and warning Japan.

The "Madras Mail," referring to the warning to Japan, says there is no ambiguity about the warning. If Japan heeds it, well and good, if not the fight will be on and we have no doubt as to who will win.

The "Indian Express" says: "Mr. Churchill's speech is an indication that the war has taken a hopeful turn from the British standpoint, and forces are well on hand for rendering Japanese aggression close and stifling the Nazi hold on Europe."

The "Statesman" in making reference to Mr. Churchill's straight talking to Japan, says that every effort will be made to secure a peaceful settlement with Tokyo; but if this hope is disappointed, Great Britain will raise herself unhesitatingly on the side of the United States.

The "Madras Hindu" comments that it is no doubt understandable that Britain and America are averse to provoking a conflict on the Pacific if it can be avoided. — Reuter.

CONVOY PUTS INTO LISBON

Fifteen merchant ships which are understood to be part of a convoy of 25 ships which was attacked by enemy aircraft and submarines off Cadiz on Friday while en route to Gibraltar from Britain, has arrived at the Tagus, it was learned in Lisbon yesterday.

According to the Lisbon newspaper, "Diario de Noticias" seven merchant ships were sunk in the fight following the attack while warships escorting the convoy were damaged.

Ships of the convoy which escaped tenacious pursuit saved the greater part of the crews of the ships that were lost.

The vessels which arrived include the 1,291-ton Switzerland, 1,221-ton Lanahone, 1,575-ton Palwing and Meta, 3,618-ton Spero, 1,810-ton Certantes, 1,008-ton Ibro, 1,364-ton Petrel, 1,329-ton Starling, 2,498-ton Empire Stream and Lymhe, and the 4,274-ton Grellhead. — Reuter.

MIGHTY FORTRESS

"I was greatly impressed by the keenness and bearing of the soldiers and the organisation of the defences. Under the able guidance of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, and his colleagues, our defences are rapidly being strengthened and Singapore is developing into a mighty fortress where an atmosphere of cordiality prevails," said the Maharajah of Patiala on his return from Malaya.

He added that the Indian troops were very happy and in high spirits, and were ready to play their worthy role in the defence of the Empire and the Motherland. — Reuter.

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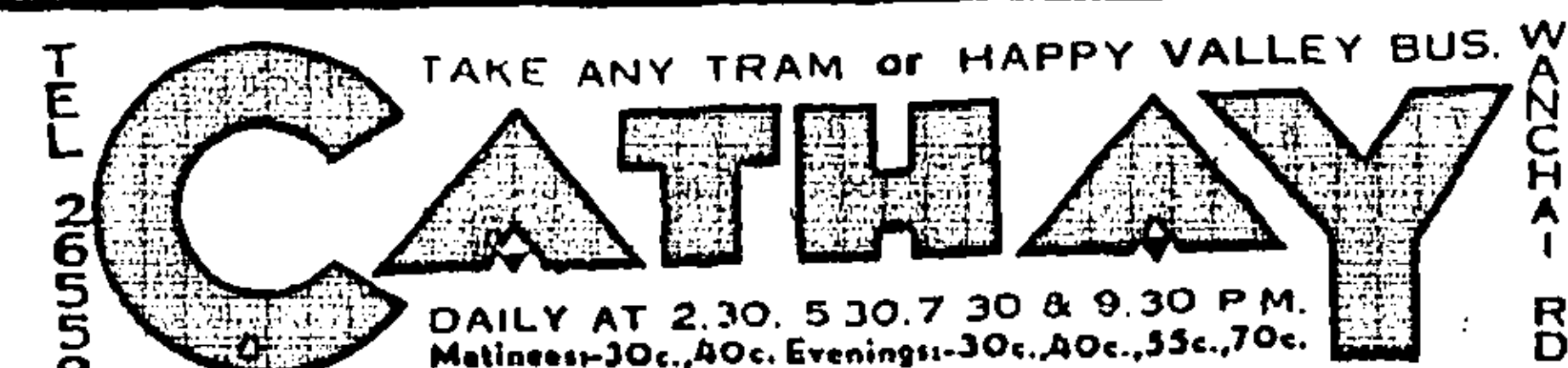
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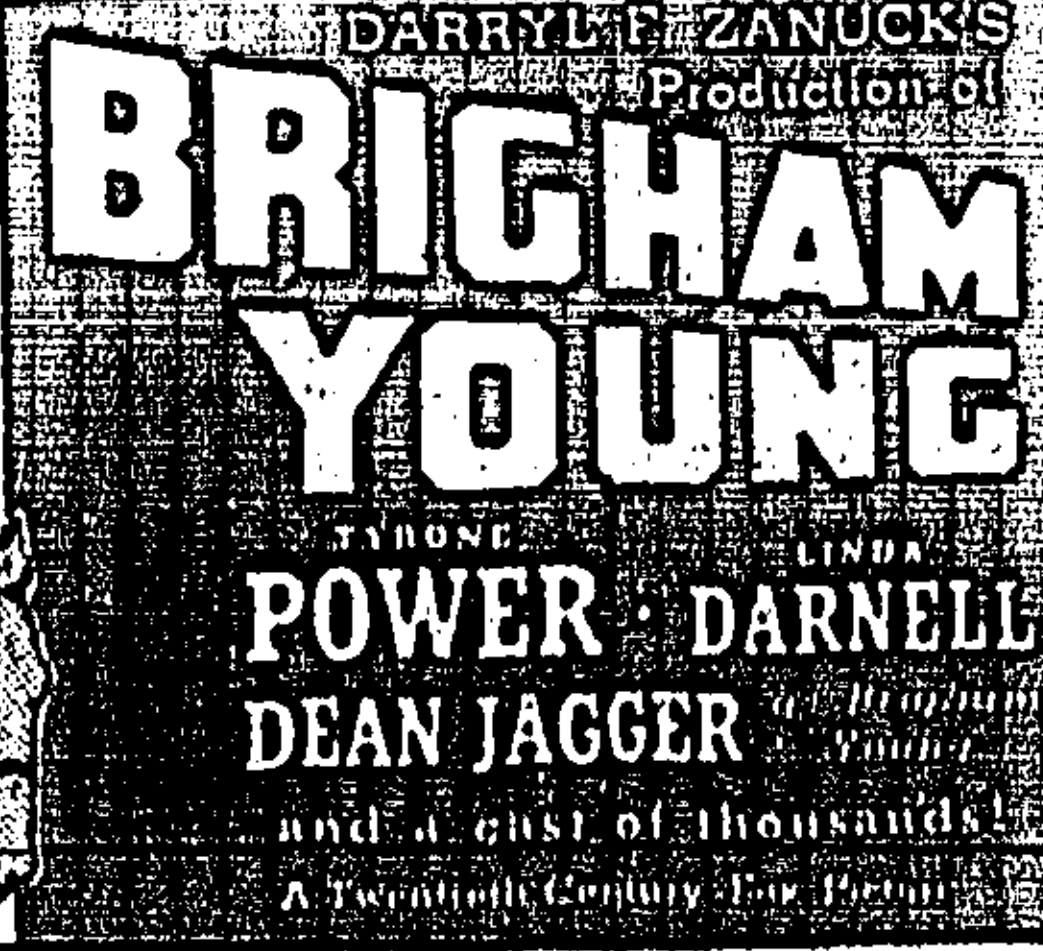
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HITLER'S STRATEGY IN EAST NO SECRET

HITLER'S STRATEGY in the East is no secret, involving as it does a drive through the Caucasus to Iran, through Afghanistan and then on to India, it is declared in London.

It is held that the Nazi preparations for the occupation of Iran were identical with those of all other countries earmarked for German "development."

It is known that at the German Legation in Teheran, the Iranian capital, there is installed the usual corps of so-called attaches and experts, who are intensely busy—this time with the sham industrialisation of an essentially agrarian country.

Iran was also the refuge of Ruchid Ali following the ill-fated Iraqi revolt and although he has now left Iran, another dangerous personality, the Mufti of Jerusalem—that ace provocateur of Palestine strife—also travelled to Teheran and still finds sanctuary there.

Strategic Value

Iran was selected by Hitler as the country which would be of immense strategic value in preparing an advance into the rich Bakou oil fields, and later his armies would benefit from the groundwork accomplished by the German Nazi Iranian representatives in any drive upon India.

This is the background on the Iran development. The fifteen million people of Iran live in an area three times the size of France in a country whose climate is arid or semi-arid, and whose mountain ranges and deserts forms its main defence.

Oil Temptation

Iran in the past has been conquered from the west and the south and in those days the invaders were not as desperate as are to-day Nazis for Iran's 60,000,000 barrels of oil which her wells produce annually. The development by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company of the country's oil resources has to-day made it the No. 3 oil producer of the world.

Although the Persians are doughty fighters, they have little to-day but their traditional courage with which to oppose any panzer drive.

Tiny Navy

The Iranian army is about 100,000 strong and has an air force of about 280 planes, mostly of antiquated design. There are at least a dozen air bases established and the country is generally suitable for the construction of landing-grounds.

Iran's tiny navy concentrates on carrying out patrols in the Persian Gulf.

Lying as it does between the Soviet Union and India, Iran has become the centre of conjecture in which only one thing is certain — German determination to exploit Iran's strategical situation and great natural resources. German agents in Iran have been generously supplied with Reichsbank gold and their tasks of espionage and corruption have met with some success.

Army Corrupted

There has been extensive Nazi infiltration and there is sound reason for assuming that their activities have met with considerable success among the officers and ranks of the Iranian Army.

This is an achievement which has gratified Hitler.

Iran, whose development in the last 20 years has been almost entirely due to British aid, as the bulk of her revenue comes from a percentage payment of oil production, has been given every opportunity to free herself of German intrigue, but failed to do so. — Reuter.

Some Resistance

Some resistance has been offered to the British forces landing at Bandar Shapur at the head of the Persian Gulf, according to latest information reaching London, but it is not yet known how serious will be the opposition offered to action which has been taken not against the Iranian Government, but against the

large numbers of German nationals resident in that country.

According to information available in London, the Iranian Army which is the personal creation of Shah Reza Pahlavi (himself a famous cavalry leader) amounts to some 150,000 men, organised in 18 divisions raised by conscription. Officers are supplied from the cadets of the Staff College, Teheran.

The equipment of some divisions of the army is up to modern standards. The training hours of the troops are long and their efficiency is recognised in British military quarters.

There are 25 cavalry, about 50 infantry, 15 artillery regiments, also sappers, signals and Gendarmes. Tanks of Czechoslovak make, are medium and light.

Artillery consists of Bofors mountain guns and Skoda pieces.

Communications in Persia are few but the main railways and roads lead from the northern western and southern frontiers to the capital.

Two Lines

One line runs from Bandar Shapur (where the British landed) through Ahwaz to Teheran thence the Russian frontier east of the Caspian.

Another runs from the Russian frontier in the Caucasus to Tabriz after which there is a gap, then from Zinjan to Teheran.

The two main roads (having heavy metalled surfaces good for

THAILAND CABINET CHANGES

DR. SONGGRAM, PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND, WHO FORMERLY HELD THE ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIOS OF DEFENCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE INTERIOR, AND WHO RECENTLY DIVESTED HIMSELF OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRY, HAS NOW APPOINTED TWO INDEPENDENT MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF THE INTERIOR.

Nai Direk Chainam, formerly Deputy Minister of the Interior, receives the Cabinet post, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in Bangkok.

It will be recalled that Major Luang Kowit Aphaiwong was appointed Defence Minister on August 19. — Reuter.

motor transport all the year round except for snow blocking in winter) lead from the Russian frontier at Julfa to Teheran and from the Iraqi town of Khanikin to Teheran.

Secondary roads, poor in summer and often impassable in winter, lead from Northern Iraq to Soviet Armenia, from Ahwaz (near the oilfield) to Kazvin and Teheran, from Pahlevi on the Caspian to Kazvin, from Meshed on the North-East frontier to Teheran and from Teheran to Shiraz.

Rivers running into the Caspian from the Elabur Mountain form military obstacles to any march along the shore of the Caspian from the north-west or north-east, while both the Caspian and Persian gulf littoral districts are unhealthy. — British Wireless.



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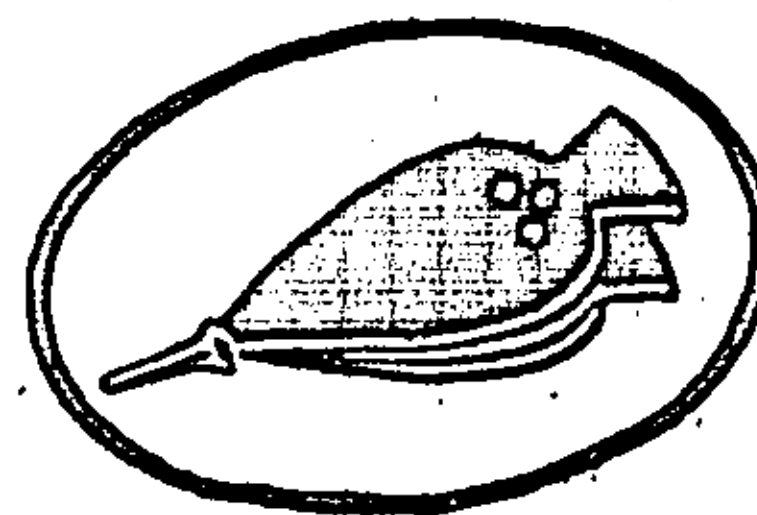
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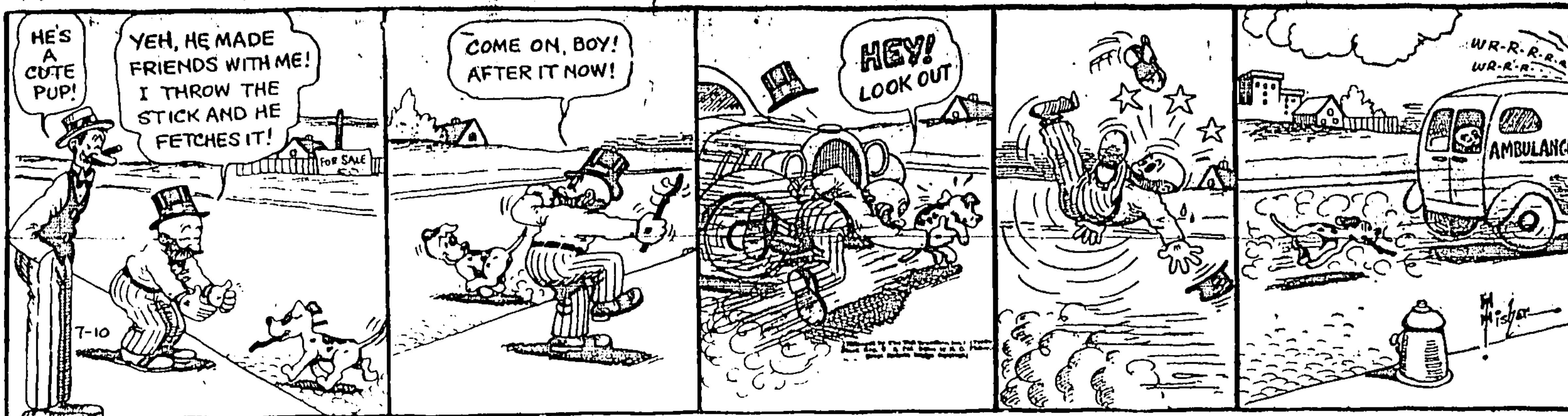


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PROBABLE BRITISH LINES OF ADVANCE IN IRAN

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

CLARION CALL AND INSPIRATION

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. Hughes, in Sydney yesterday described Mr. Churchill's speech as "a clarion call inspiring the British people to an iron resolve to conquer."

He stated the Premier's declaration of policy towards Russia would be received with loud acclaim throughout the Empire.—Reuter.

IT IS LEARNED authoritatively in London yesterday that the British Minister in Teheran saw representatives of the Iran Government at a very early hour yesterday morning to inform them of the British views and intentions.

The action which the British Government has taken of a military character in Iran is directed exclusively against the Germans.

Great Britain is not at war with Iran. They will be dealt with in the same manner as were the people of Iraq who were also drawn into the tangled scheme of the Nazi intrigues.

Although no details have yet transpired, it is clear that British military efforts must be directed towards two main ends: safeguarding the Iranian oilfields and keeping open the line of communications with Soviet Russia in the Caucasus.

TWO OBVIOUS LINES OF ADVANCE ARE THUS INDICATED, ONE BEING FROM MOSUL AND BAGHDAD TOWARDS

URUMIAH AND TABRIZ, THE OTHER FROM BASRAH TO GUARD THE OILFIELDS.

Futility Of Resistance

It is possible that troops from Baluchistan may advance across the southern boundaries of Iran to complete the occupation and convince Teheran of the futility of resistance.

The Persian Army is small, badly equipped and not likely to offer serious resistance. They have not constituted an actual menace in themselves but have been a potential source of trouble and real interference with the Allied war effort owing to the presence of several hundred Nazi agents and fifth columnists. This has been the great danger.

Direct Link

The British action is taken in full agreement with Soviet Russia and it is clear that a direct link will now be established with the Russian forces in Caucasus. This will be the most important consequence of German intrigues and it will enable British and American aid to pour into Russia from the shortest route not exposed to Axis attacks.

The fact that a common front will have been established on Turkey's eastern frontier will be a further source of strength to the Turkish Government which is thus assured of Allied backing on all its Asiatic land frontiers.

Undoubtedly, there will be a howl of rage from Nazi propaganda organs but this will only indicate the measure of Nazi disappointment at the foiling of their aims.—Reuter.

DECLINES COMMENT

MR. CORDELL HULL, SECRETARY OF STATE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST.

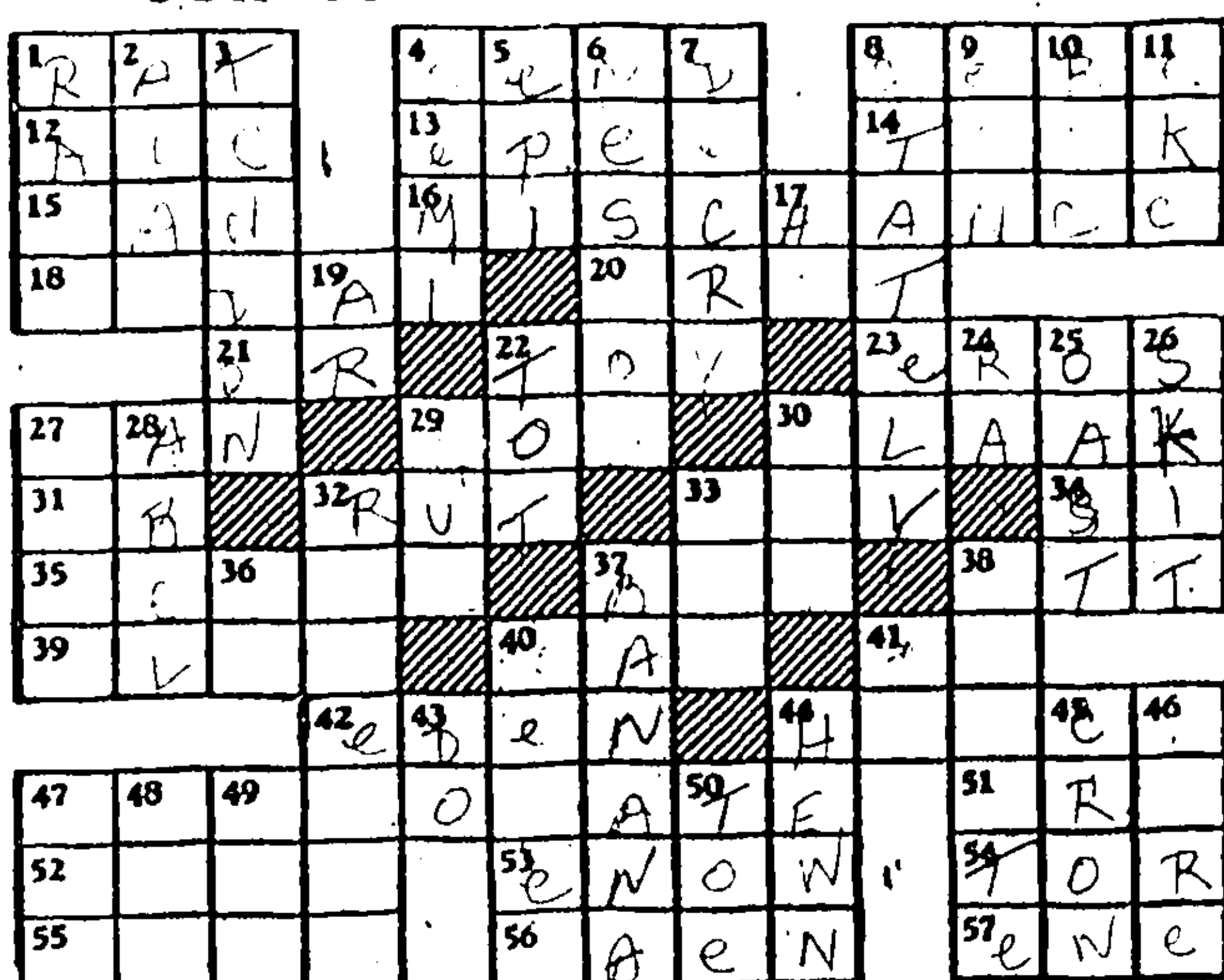
He said that the United States was holding only informal talks with Japan and he indicated that the United States were not willing to compromise in any way on the fundamental principles of her policies.—Reuter.

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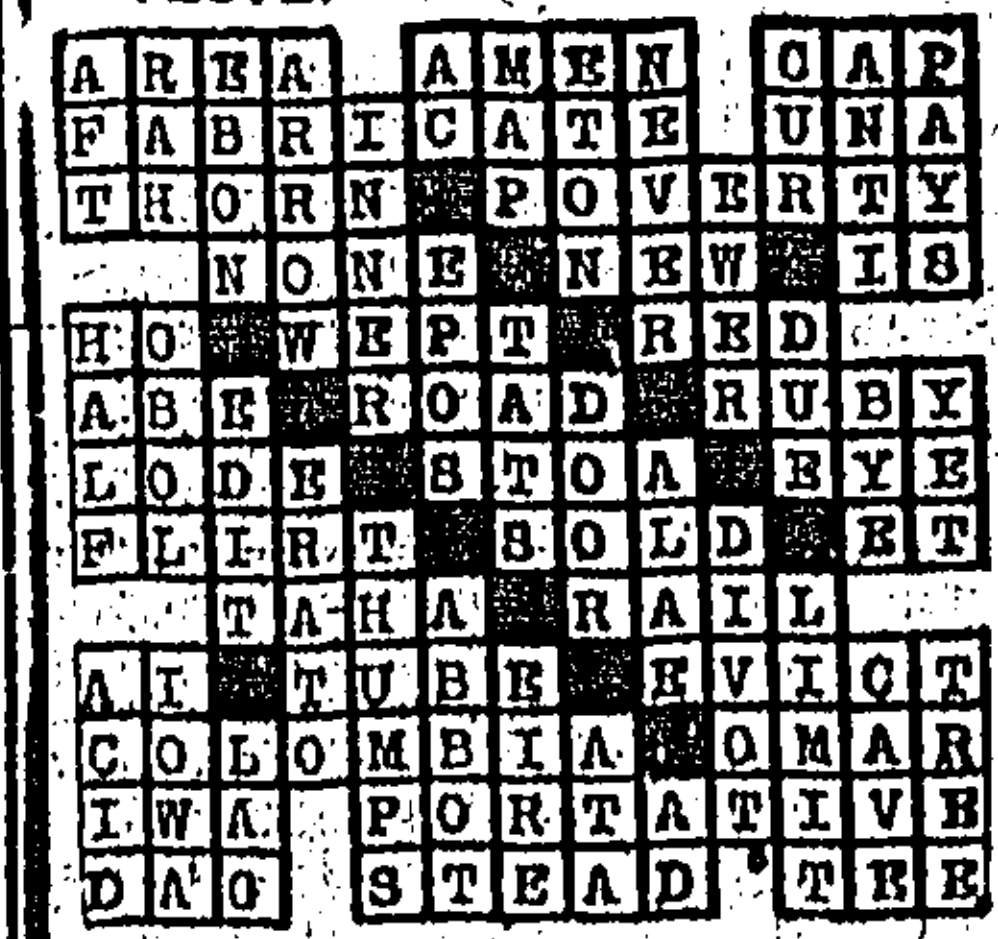
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- 1 Rodent
- 4 To transmit
- 8 Withered
- 12 Malt beverage
- 13 Fencing sword
- 14 Grasped
- 15 Male adult
- 16 Disaster
- 18 Brazilian drink
- 20 To run slowly
- 21 Conjunction
- 22 Plaything
- 23 God of love
- 27 Malay gibbon
- 29 Centre
- 30 Outer garment
- 31 River in Siberia
- 32 Ditch
- 33 Coquettish
- 34 Italian for "yes"
- 35 Volcano in Martinique
- 37 Evil
- 38 Slavonic coin
- 39 European
- 40 To knock
- 41 Because
- 42 Biblical garden
- 44 To attach

VERTICAL

- 1 Hindu religious hero
- 2 Cry of sorrow
- 3 Stretching muscle
- 4 Prefix: half
- 5 Final
- 6 Ancient Greek counselor
- 7 To clamour against
- 8 Majestic
- 9 Vast age
- 10 Fabulous bird
- 11 To acquire with difficulty
- 17 Stop!
- 19 Land measure
- 22 Child
- 24 Artificial language
- 25 Kilt
- 26 Playlet
- 27 Cuts off
- 28 Son of Adam
- 29 Tip
- 30 Food fish
- 32 Opposite
- 33 Hat
- 36 Note of scale
- 37 Fruit
- 38 Clever
- 40 Recalcitrant
- 41 Sloth
- 43 To act
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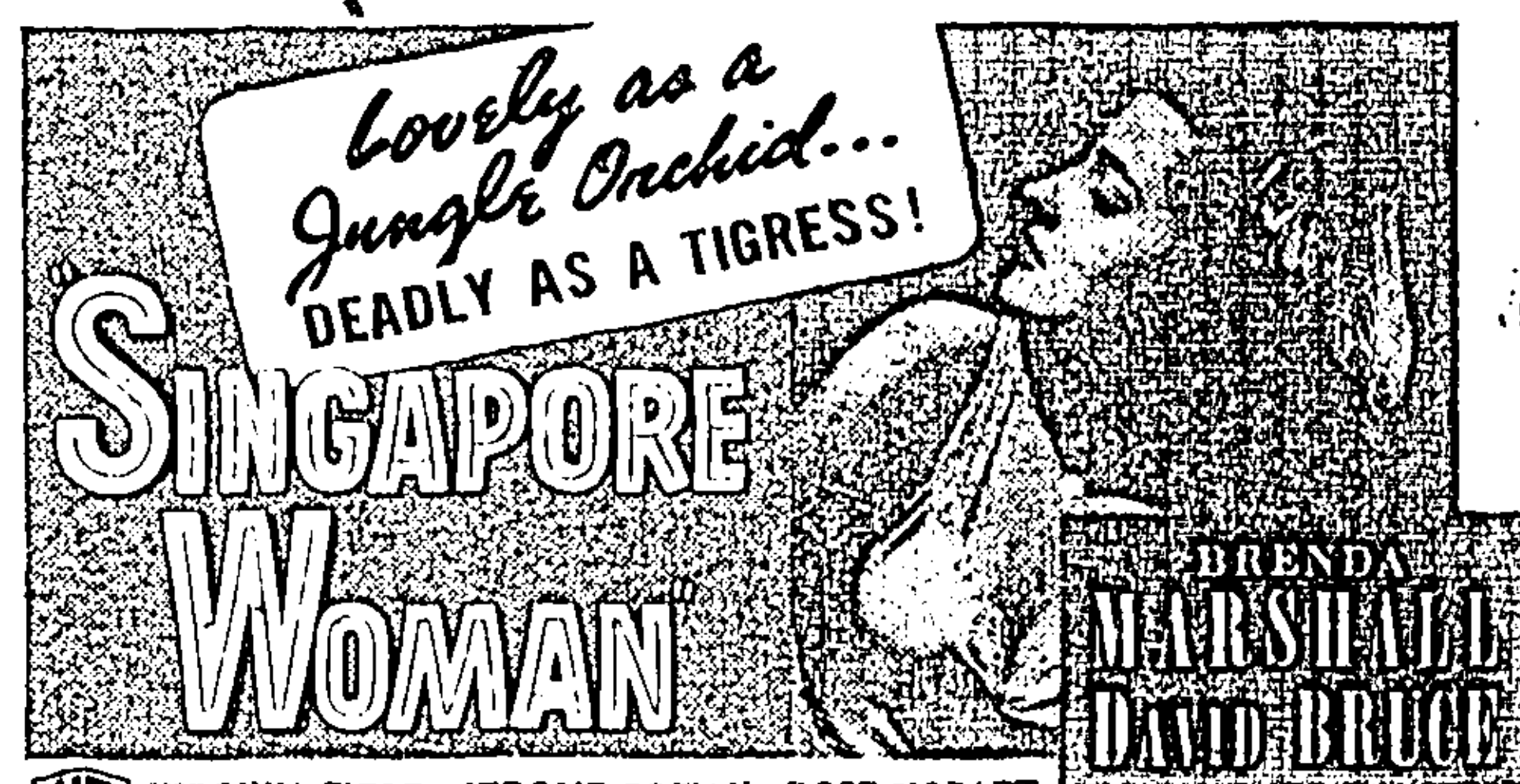
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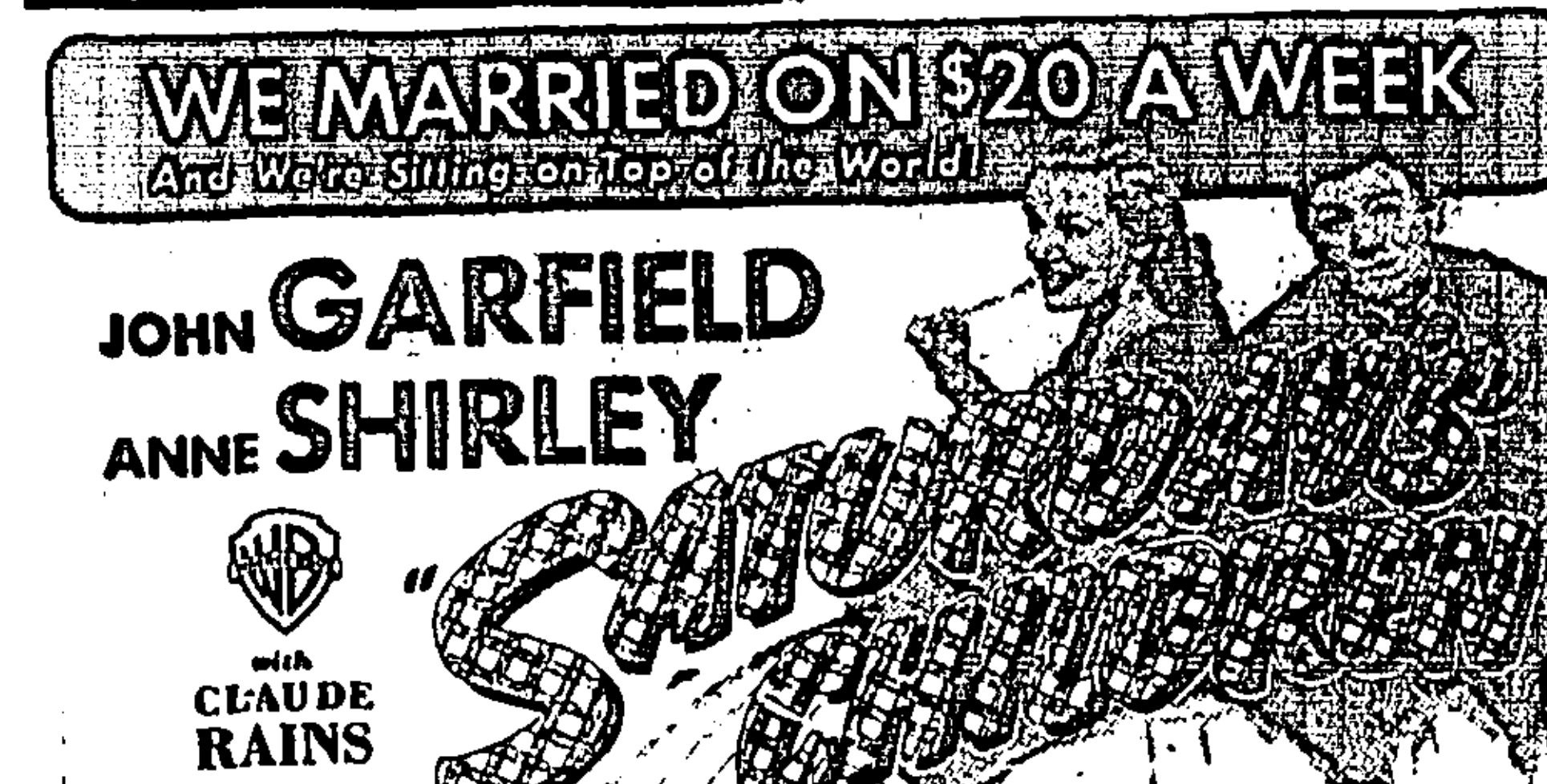
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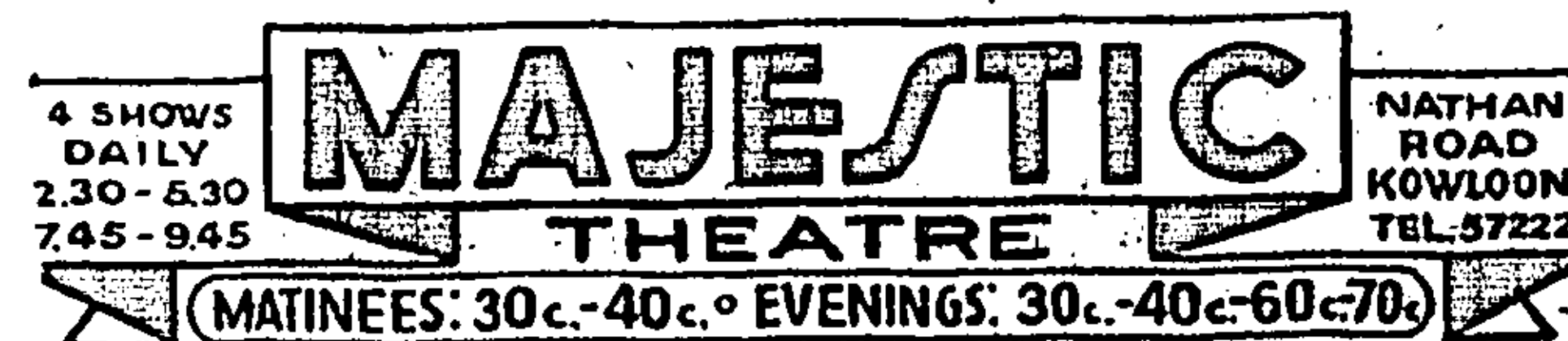
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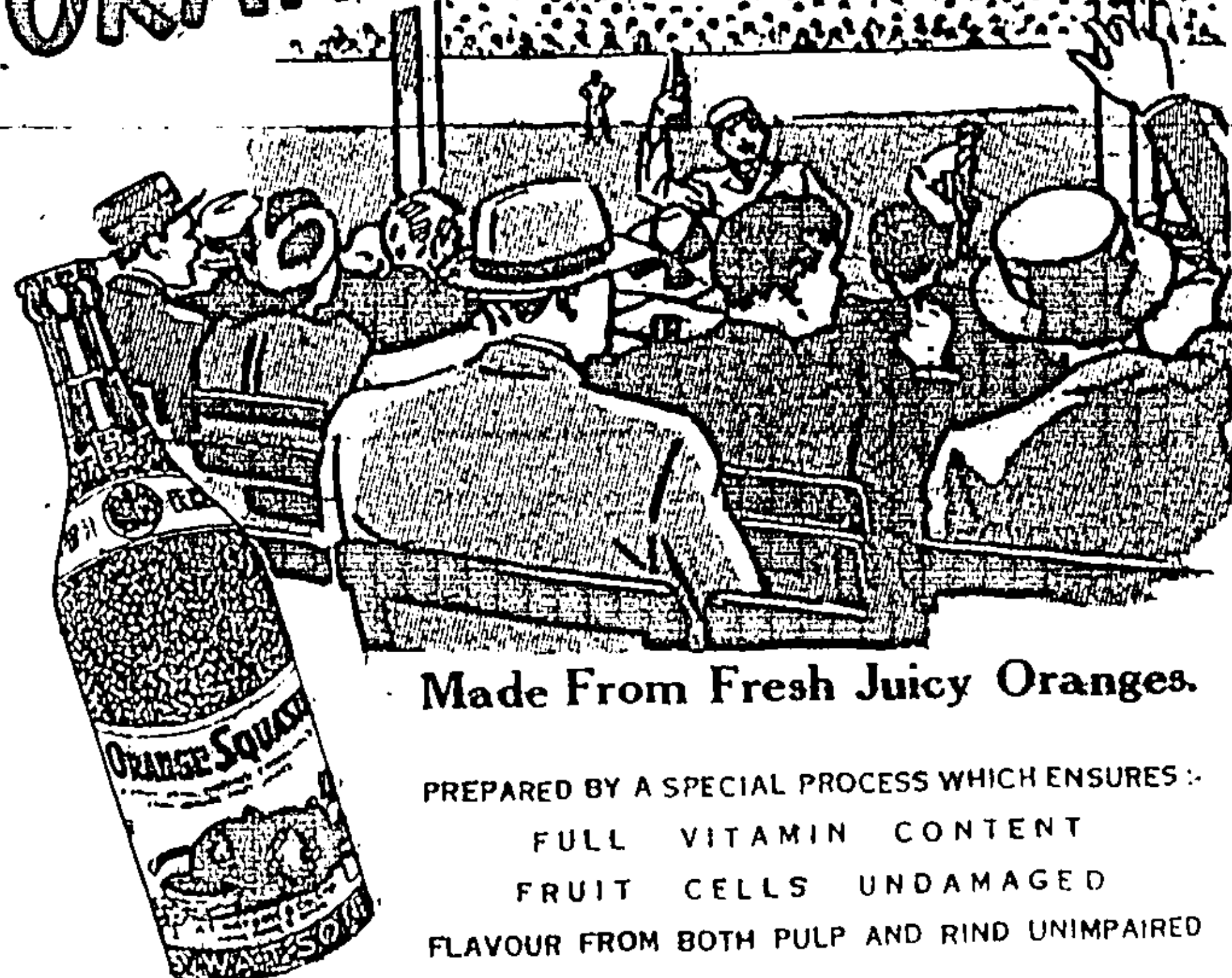
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Japan "Stop" Notice

AMIDST THE EXCITEMENT over the Anglo-Soviet joint action in Iran, Mr. Winston Churchill's reference to the Far East is prominently displayed by the London papers.

The "Daily Mail" says: "The references to Japan constitute a 'stop' notice to ill-advised militant leaders, which gains added force in that, with the United States, we are labouring to arrive at a fair and amicable settlement which will give Japan the utmost reassurance of her future interests."

"Japan will be wise to base her future on this promise. If she does not, there is clear indication in Mr. Churchill's speech that action to deter her from further acts of aggression has been concerted with President Roosevelt wherein the strength of the British Empire will conform to American direction."

The "Manchester Guardian" says: "The broadcast will be marked in Japan to whose government Mr. Churchill gave a stern and sharp warning. Her aggression has got to stop. She has an opportunity to reach a settlement. If she refuses, Britain will range herself unhesitatingly with the United States. Japan can have peace or war as she chooses."

The paper remarks that Mr. Churchill might, if he had chosen, have made his speech so charged with emotion, as to make it a vehicle for appeal to the United States to enter the war.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments: "It was after the pact with Hitler that the Japanese militarists struck south toward the tin and rubber of Malaya and the oil of the Dutch East Indies and threatened the rights of the United States in the Pacific. Mr. Churchill distinguished between the Japanese imitators and pup-

pets of Nazism and the legitimate interests of Japan. If United States efforts to provide an amicable arrangement should fail, we shall put our not inconsiderable power in the Far East at the side of the United States."

Dangers Are One

The "Yorkshire Post" observes "America's security and our own security in the Far East are threatened by the ambition of Japan. This danger touches America very nearly. It is easier for the Americans to appreciate it than the danger of Nazi aggressions in Europe. Yet the two dangers are one. They spring from the same source; only by a resolute and undeviating common policy can either be crushed."

The "Star" states: "If Japan is tempted to go mad at this moment, Mr. Churchill's warning should make her think. Today's action (in Iran) is a foretaste of what can be achieved if the three countries fighting for freedom exert strength in unified acts of policy."

The "Evening Standard" declares: "The moral so dearly learned in the West is applied in the East. Japan is not to be allowed to murder China in the corner. She must halt now or confront the united enmity of the quadrilateral Powers. Britain has given a firm commitment to the

SWEDEN TAKES NOTE

Mr. Churchill's references to Japan are particularly stressed in the Swedish newspapers.

The "Dagbladet" calls the warning to Japan a noteworthy utterance and underlines the declaration that the policy of trade restrictions which followed after the last war will not be repeated.

"Dagens Nyheter" states that the reference to Japan was made "with sharpness of tone."

There is nothing new in the speech about American aid to Britain, says the "Tidningen," but it reveals that Britain and the United States are alongside in the event of war with Japan.

The paper also stresses Mr. Churchill's statement that the Axis Powers will be disarmed while the democracies will retain their arms.

All the papers give prominence to the figures given by Mr. Churchill of the German losses in Russia. — Reuter.

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that the German Consulates in Cuba have been closed. — Reuter.

United States that she will not retreat from responsibilities in Asia. Such a pledge so forthrightly given should strengthen the hand of Washington resolved to check Japanese ambition. — Central News.

Japan And Mr. Churchill

Authoritative Japanese sources in Tokyo have rejected Mr. Churchill's accusations, saying "Who is menacing whom?"

"Japan is not menacing anybody. Japan has not menaced anything."

Official Japanese reaction is not likely at least until the text is fully received.

It has been reported only sketchily.

Mr. Churchill's reference to alleged depredations of the Japanese military faction is labelled "just another attempt to depict a division of Japanese opinion and thereby to disintegrate Japanese unity which is wholly impossible."

Japan's actions are said to be based upon the solid basis of unanimous national policy.

Alienating Thailand

Mr. Churchill's speech is designed to alienate Thailand from Japan, says the "Kokumin Shimbun."

The early morning papers generally follow the first reaction.

Mr. Churchill's speech "is devoid of time and sense because the China conflict preceded the European war and therefore Japan cannot be imitating Hitler," the "Kokumin Shimbun" adds.

China reconstruction is co-operative with the Indo-China advance, agreed freely and peacefully by Vichy, whereas it is Britain who is bearing pressure in South Asia, the paper claims.

Official circles deny knowledge of Japanese-American basic negotiations which were hinted at by Mr. Churchill although reports from Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, have not been received recently. — Reuter.

ADVANCE WILL OPEN UP SCOPE FOR COOPERATION

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE IMMEDIATE consequences of the British advance through Iran will ensure the close cooperation of Russia and Great Britain in an extension of the war front, and one which is geographically not difficult to maintain.

With British controls stretching eastwards from Egypt, through Palestine and Syria to Iraq, it goes without saying that a continuous front with the Russians will soon be established in Iran and so on into the Caucasus — a front which will support and strengthen Turkey against Nazi threats and Nazi aggression.

Moreover, behind this front will be the British Empire, as he secure supply lines up the Red Sea into Syria and Turkey, and up the Persian Gulf via Baghdad and Mosul to Turkey.

Their elimination, if not their extermination, was a vital necessity, and one which could no longer be delayed. These vital lines of supply through the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf lead back to supplies not only from India, but also from Australia and the East Indies, and right back to both the Americas.

In a word, direct link will soon be established with our Russian allies, and that material assistance which the Russians require can now be reasonably guaranteed. — Reuter.

Vital Necessity

Nazi "tourists" and agents, who had overrun Iran, would have carried the same function for Hitler's strategy in Russia and



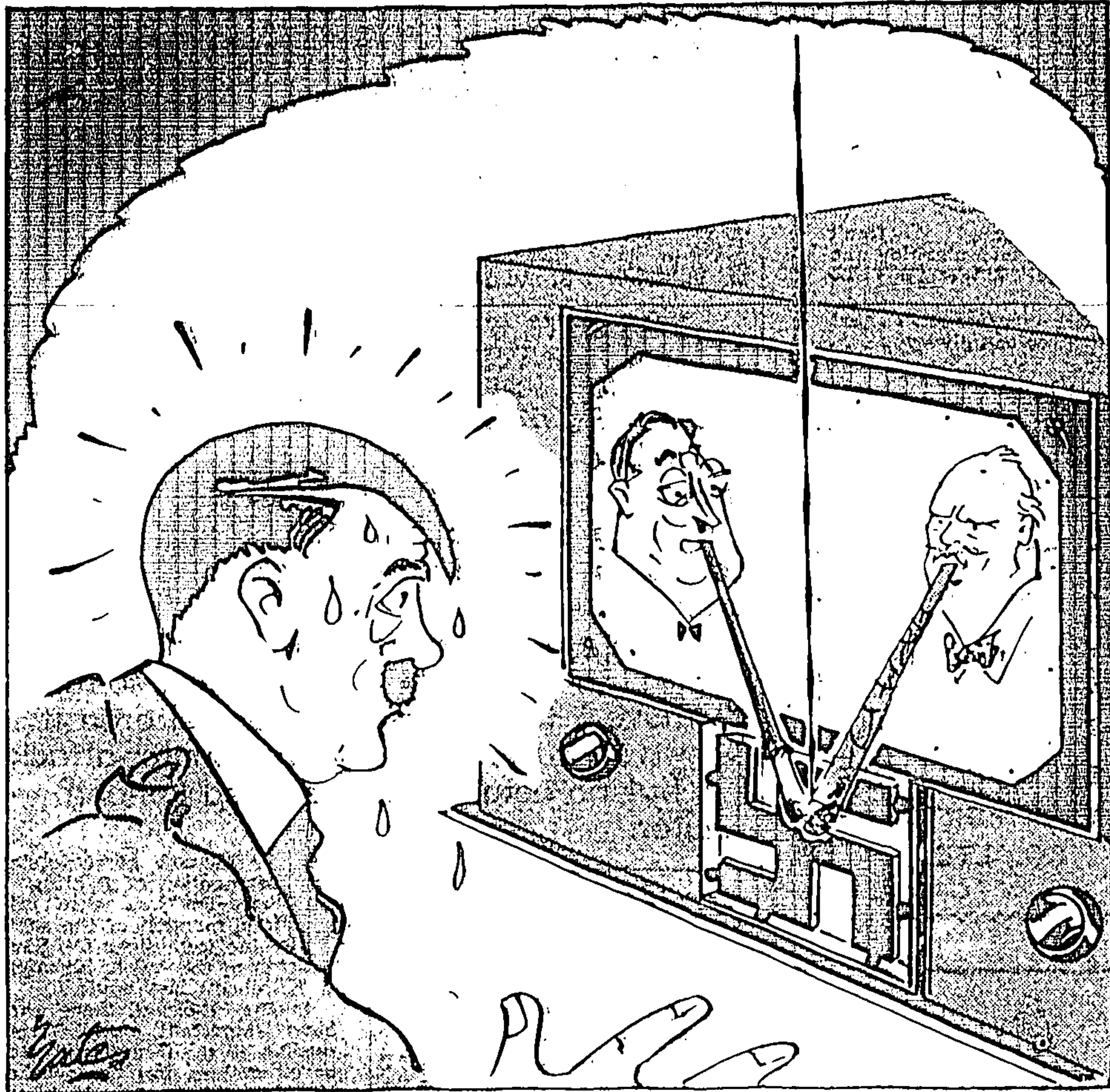
NO BUSINESS WITH HITLER

When a publisher advertises a book or an author hints that something he has written is very good, indeed, no one thinks it odd. When seven private citizens who don't know the author and have no connection with the publisher spend their own private money to advertise a book, people may wonder why. The book in this instance is "You Can't Do Business with Hitler," the author Douglas Miller, formerly American commercial attache in Berlin. The private citizens are Raymond Clapper, John Kieran, Albert D. Lasker, Mrs. Dwight L. Morrow, Carl Van Doren, Matthew Woll and Wendell L. Willkie.

The why of this paid public statement by seven private citizens is that Mr. Miller has condensed into some forty-odd thousand words an authoritative explanation of what Nazism is, what it has done in Germany, what it is doing and plans to do in Europe, and what it can do in the western hemisphere if it is victorious elsewhere.

Americans can't do business with Hitler because Nazism makes no pretence of keeping treaties; because it is so organised and its followers so trained that it cannot make and keep peace; because its racial theories require that all nations outside of Germany shall be slave nations; because it does not scruple to depopulate countries in order to control them; because if successful in Europe it will immediately inspire Nazi revolutions in Latin America to make that region hostile to America; because it will then try to isolate and cheat America, sabotage her industries, choke her trade, and either starve them out or dictate their economic, political and social life.

The United States will either see that Hitler is beaten or Hitler will see that country is enslaved or ruined. We hope those who loathe war and cherish national isolation will read the statement and the book. There will be plenty of war for Americans if they let Hitler win in Europe, and there will be precious little isolation if they have to fight him on their own side of the Atlantic.



Japan Volcano

Wherever the Nazi Fifth Column has achieved success (in Rumania, Norway or France), there have been political malcontents, economic unrest and internal disunity. These are the factors the Fifth Column exploits to gain control of governments.

And so it is in Japan. Japan has had at least four rightist revolutionary plots in the past decade. There was the May 15 affair of 1932, followed by the Kinkijiken, or Brocade Flag incident in 1933, the details of which are buried in darkest secrecy, for it involved a plot by "young officers" of the 3rd Regiment at Roppongi, Tokyo, to overthrow the Emperor and place Prince Chichibu on the Throne.

Then came the well-known February 26 military uprising of 1936, and the less well-known plot of July, 1940.

The Nazis have not failed to take advantage of these politico-military upheavals. Last summer, the Nazi Fifth Column attempted direct, if somewhat premature, action.

For six months the moderate Yonai Cabinet had constantly opposed the conclusion of a Japanese-German military alliance and the renovation of the Japanese political structure along totalitarian lines.

In May and June last year, the Germans began to move. Gen. Ott, the German Ambassador, and other Nazi Fifth Columnists addressed crowds at public rallies, haranguing them on the benefits of political reformation after the German model.

Shoved Konoye In As Premier

Behind the scenes contact men and go-betweens were working feverishly to encourage the totalitarian movement and the Axis alliance. Patriotic societies, largely financed by German funds, were in a frenzy of rage with the "obstructionist" tactics of the government.

Supported by the German Ambassador, two ex-War Ministers, Gen. Juichi Terauchi (who had officially represented the Japanese army before a Nazi convention at Nuremberg in September, 1939) and Gen. Sugiyama, cajoled and threatened Prince Fumimaro Konoye until he agreed to head the reformist movement.

But still the determined Yonai Cabinet blocked every move. It was then, in the first days of July, that direct action was attempted. A group of obscure political fanatics, instigated by Army Fascist cliques working with the Nazi Fifth Column, attempted to assassinate the tractable members of the Cabinet and practically the entire Privy Council.

Hata Forces The Issue

Through the vigilance of the Metropolitan Police (not the Kempeitai), a score of armed "gorotsuki" were arrested, mostly hiding in the gardens of their would-be victims.

If this wholesale murder of leading moderate advisers to the Throne had succeeded, it would have been the signal for a military coup d'etat and the establishment of a military dictatorship.

Although the plot misfired, the Yonai Cabinet was sabotaged by Gen. Shunroku Hata, War Minister.

By Charles N. Spinks

ter, a staunch champion of the Nazi alliance and the new political structure, who resigned and refused to name a successor. Cabinets in Japan cannot exist without War and Navy Ministers from the active list. Premier Mitsumasa Yonai (a Navy man) had no choice but to resign.

No. 1 Stooze Out

The Cabinet of Prince Konoye which followed launched the totalitarian movement and concluded the alliance with Germany.

By July 16, 1941, just one year later, this Cabinet had reached another of those periodic impasses. The totalitarian movement has bogged down, Japan has still failed to profit by the desperate union with Germany and now faces a new crisis over the Soviet-German war.

In order to get rid of Foreign Minister Matsuoka, who had negotiated conflicting agreements with Germany and Russia, the Cabinet resigned, the cards were reshuffled and Matsuoka is out, along with Toshiro Shirogami, Gen. Ott's No. 1 stooze. It is too early to determine whether this is just a political move or whether this may be the first step to free Japan from German domination.

Regardless of the present Cabinet change, the Japanese Army and its Fascist supporters realise their desperate position. Unless the army can recoup its fortunes by a southern gamble or by a successful campaign in Siberia, it will lose face and political power.

The Germans are also desperate. American aid to Britain must be deflected by a Japanese-American war in the Pacific. Germany needs the Japanese Fleet and the vital war materials of Eastern Asia which

Japan must secure for her. What the Japanese will get from this deal remains a mystery, but the militarists are prepared to plunge Japan into a disastrous war rather than relinquish the power they have seized.

In more ways than one, the Germans are gambling against time, for thus far only a very few Japanese realise the danger the Fifth Column presents to Japan. In this connection, it must be borne in mind that not only the people at large, but also the majority of Government officials, even in the Home Office, have no inkling that a Nazi Fifth Column functions in their country.

If The Story Gets Out

This is due to the peculiar constitution of Japanese bureaucracy which is divided into water-tight compartments wherein one group of officials has no idea what another is doing. Through the use of Japanese go-betweens and key officials, who naturally do not disclose their connections, the Nazis are able to influence internal policies without risk of exposure.

Nevertheless, the Germans are well aware that trouble lies ahead if the Japanese people ever learn the full story.

There are many Japanese who have not yet been convinced that the Germans are their true friends. They cannot overlook the racial arrogance of the Teuton, the insulting references to Asiatics—including the Japanese—found in Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and other pan-Aryan German writings.

The latent forces of anti-foreignism in Japan which the Nazis and Japanese militarists have stimulated and directed into an anti-British and more recently an anti-American hatred have acted as a safety-valve for the Japanese peoples' sense of frustration from an unsuccessful war in China.

Indications Of A Reversal

But there are few British and Americans left in Japan to-day. If conditions continue to deteriorate and if the position of Japan becomes more precarious (even barring war with the democracies), the Japanese people will turn against the only remaining foreign influence in Japan—Gen. Ott and his army of Fifth Columnists.

Already there are straws in the wind. A few months ago the wife of a German Embassy official was severely beaten on a train by a Japanese fellow traveler. There have been other attacks on Germans and Italians.

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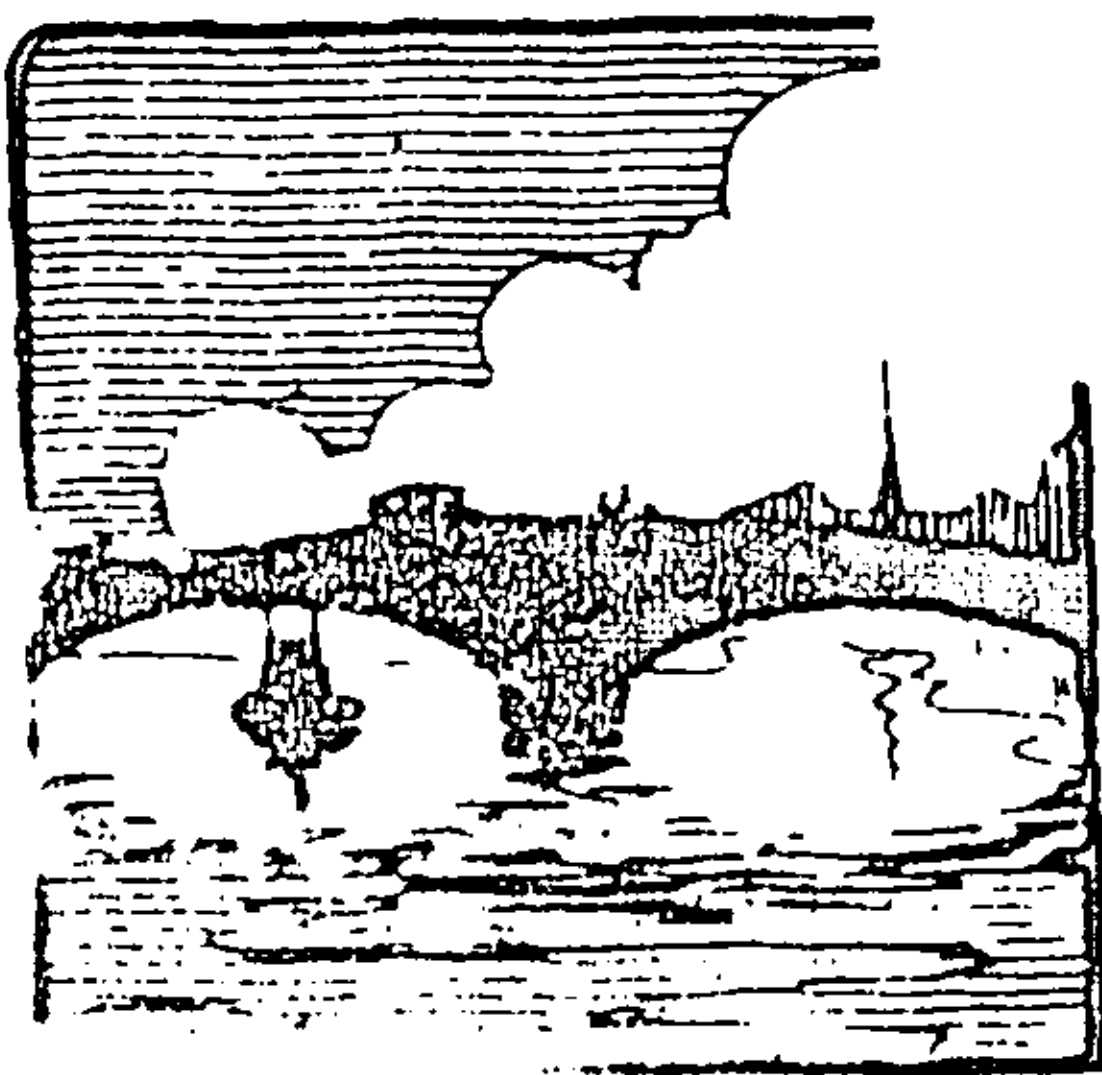
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THERE IS STILL NO CONFIRMATION IN LONDON THAT THE GERMANS HAVE ANY BRIDGE-HEADS ACROSS THE DNIEPER AND THE MAIN PART OF THE FIGHTING THUS REMAINS ON THE WEST OF THE RIVER.

While circumstantial evidence shows that the Dnieper-Petrovsk Dam has been blown up no official statement has been received to that effect from the Russian Government.

Fighting continues to be intense on the Leningrad front but there has been no marked move. In the Smolensk-Gomel area it is known that the Russians are counter-attacking but no details have reached London. — Reuter.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent says that mention of fighting in the Dnieper-Petrovsk region is the first official mention of the southern Ukraine front since the Soviet admission of the fall of Krivoyrog and Kikolalev last week.

In the interval, there have been important new German pushes in the Gomel and Novgorod sectors, but the southern Ukraine did not lose in importance.

German insistence on the fact that the Russians were holding the Dnieper bridgeheads was clear indication that the Russians were methodically withdrawing and that the Germans had failed either to encircle Marshal Budenny's army or any large part of it, or to gain control of any of the crossings of the lower Dnieper.

Rearguard Action

There is strong reason to believe that the mention of Dnieper-Petrovsk in yesterday's communiqué refers to a successful rearguard action.

The question arises: What good to the Germans are the occupied parts of the Ukraine? They must reckon with the passive resistance of the peasants and furthermore, in the long run, the Ukraine, with its almost completed tractorised agriculture, will be quite useless unless the Germans are able to provide vast quantities of petrol — which obviously they cannot.

The plight of the peasants under the Nazis is grievous, but most of them will no doubt manage to survive for a time with clandestine stocks.

New Allies

The important thing has happened which, if it continues, may have an enormous effect in slowing up German operations on all or many parts of the front.

It is the entry into the war of Russia's allies, Rain and Mud. It has been raining heavily for 24 hours and the roads, other than the not very numerous main roads, have become bogged.

Movements of tanks across country are unlikely for the present, either on the soft soil of the Ukraine or in the marshy country round Leningrad. — Reuter.

Novgorod Falls

The evacuation of Novgorod is announced in the Soviet midnight communiqué which states: "During Monday our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the whole front. After tenacious fighting, our troops left Novgorod."

"In the course of August 24, 46 enemy planes were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost six planes. In the Black Sea, one of our warships sank a German submarine." — Reuter.

OLD SCHOOL TIE — SECOND HAND

The old school tie in future may be second-hand. One school, Worktop College, is to open a second-hand clothes shop.

The headmaster, announcing this at the recent Special Day, said Sunday suits would no longer be compulsory.

NAZI REPRISAL

Halt! consulates in Germany have been ordered to close on September 5 in retaliation for Halt's recent action closing German consulates. — Reuter.

THE FLOOR WILL BE DIRTY

"We shall wipe the floor with the Germans."

The Belgian Ambassador said that in London to the American Ambassador to the Governments allied with Britain.

SEVEN-DAY WEEK PROPOSED

A recommendation that British war factories should work a 7-days week is made by a sub-committee appointed by the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

Workpeople should, however, have one day's rest in seven, the Committee states, and suggests that negotiations be conducted with the trade unions to make arrangements whereby a six-day week for workpeople may be fitted into a seven-day week for a factory which should, as far as possible, employ its plant continuously.

The desirability of the management taking workers completely in their confidence is also emphasised.

Interesting facts relating to the great increase in output immediately following the fall of France are given in the Committee's report which states that after that melancholy event, working hours increased to as much as 72 a week and resulted in a "remarkable increase in output." At the end of a few weeks, output dropped and hours became shorter.

The Committee reports that a 60-hour week is still worked by some factories and recommends that the Industrial Health Research Board should consider the question of the "best length" of the working week for a wide range of different kinds of work. — British Wireless.

American Mail Holdup

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A. M. Chapelain, Director of the Chinese Post Office in Shanghai, has informed the U.S. Consulate-General that 750 bags of U.S. mail, which have been held up by the Japanese in Shanghai since the arrival of the "President Harrison" and the "Ruth Alexander," have now been released and are being distributed immediately. The Japanese authorities claimed that the mail was held up "owing to a misunderstanding." — International News Service.

SUB SINKS TRAWLER

While returning from a fishing trip off Cape Blanco, on the West African coast, a Portuguese trawler from Lisbon was fired on by an unidentified submarine and sank. Two of the crew were killed. — Reuter.

INFLATION DANGERS IN UNITED STATES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Mr. Marriner Eccles, has intimated that the regulation of instalment buying and the further tightening of credit facilities is essential in the interests of the national welfare and of the Government drive against inflation.

"Unbridled spending," he said, "will precipitate inflation that will recoil ruinously on all of us." — International News Service.

BRITISH RESTAURANT OPENED

A "British Restaurant" where a good meal may be obtained for 11d. was opened at Edmonton yesterday.

Opening the restaurant, London's divisional food officer said that stocks of food in London are larger now than ever before during the last twelve months and these stocks were distributed so as to provide a hundred per cent. ration of the six most important commodities to all the population for two weeks should an emergency arise. — British Wireless.

SINGAPORE AIR MIGHT

Agency messages from Singapore state that it is officially announced there that the largest single body of R.A.F. personnel to arrive in Malaya for more than a year, landed in Singapore yesterday after an eight weeks' uneventful voyage in a luxury liner.

Arrivals include air crews and ground staff.

Also aboard was a small party of Royal Australian Air Force personnel from the Middle East. There also arrived reinforcements of the Indian Expeditionary Force completely equipped. — British Wireless.

Soviet Note Gives Facts In Precise Detail

THE SOVIET NOTE WHICH WAS HANDED TO THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW ON SUNDAY NIGHT BEGAN WITH A RECAPITULATION OF THE STEPS TAKEN BY RUSSIA TO ESTABLISH CORDIAL RELATIONS, STATING THAT ALL THE PRIVILEGES EXTENDED TO RUSSIANS ON IRANIAN TERRITORY WHICH WERE HUMILIATING TO IRANIAN SOVEREIGNTY WERE VOLUNTARILY ABRUPTED.

Various Russian enterprises in Iran had been handed over to the Iranian Government, and by this the Soviet Government proved to the Iranian people their readiness to assist in the development and prosperity of Iran.

By the Treaty of February 26, 1921, the Soviet Government returned to Iran the islands along the coast of the Astrabatsk and Corndatsk provinces of Iran, and also the railways, ports and various establishments which were formerly exploited by the Tsarist Government.

Further treaties between the Soviet Government and Iran also give proof of the constant friendly intentions of the U.S.S.R. towards Iran. During recent years the Soviet Government took steps to consolidate and develop the economic welfare of Iran.

NEVERTHELESS, EVEN IN THE FUNDAMENTAL TREATY OF FEBRUARY 26, 1921, IT HAD BEEN FORESEEN THAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT IRAN TERRITORY MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY ENEMY ELEMENTS AGAINST THE U.S.S.R. AND IRAN ITSELF, USING IRAN TERRITORY AS THE BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST THE U.S.S.R.

Names Given

The agents of German Fascism (the Note here gives the names of the agents and of the commercial firms by which they are employed), have reached their limits in their subversive activities in attempting to introduce into the Soviet provinces of Azerbaijan and the oil region of Baku, groups of saboteurs and terrorists.

On the other hand their activities were also directed at engineering a military coup in Iran itself.

With the arrival in Teheran from Iraq of the chief of the German Secret Service in Iraq, Gamot, and his assistant Mayer, and with the close cooperation of the German Embassy at Teheran, armed groups were formed at the frontier region with the view to organising sabotage activities in the Baku region and other districts.

Notorious Spies

German agents at various points in Iran territory have established dumps of arms and ammunition, especially in the Northern provinces of Iran.

In the neighbourhood of Mianeh, they had prepared over 50 tons of explosives, and in the Teheran district they gave military instructions to German residents to further their criminal intentions, while 56 German secret service men have penetrated into a number of big industrial concerns.

Especially dangerous is the activity of the Krupp agent, a spy named Arkel, while von Radonovitch, director of the German firm of Siemens, is another notorious German spy, as well as his assistant Wolff.

These German agents are trampling on the elementary rights of Iranians, and with complete disregard of Iranian sovereignty are preparing Iranian territory as a base for aggression against the U.S.S.R.

Grave Danger

This situation in Iran constitutes a grave danger and it imposes upon the U.S.S.R. Government the necessity of taking all measures required for their own

security, measures which it is not only their right, but also their duty to take for their self-defence in strict accordance with Paragraph 6 of the Treaty of 1921.

Since German aggression on the U.S.S.R., the Soviet Government has thrice given warning to the Iranian Government, on June 26, July 19 and August 16 regarding the danger represented by the subversive and diversionist activities of German agents and spies.

On June 26, the Soviet Government informed the Shah of Iran that they possessed reliable information that a political coup d'etat was being prepared by the Germans.

On July 19, the U.S.S.R. Government in conjunction with the British Government drew the attention of the Iranian Government to the necessity of putting a stop to the activities of the German agents which equally constituted a threat to the security and interests of her neighbour states.

At the same time the Soviet and British Governments insisted upon the necessity of expelling Germans whose presence on Iran territory was against the interests of Iran itself and of the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain.

Third Warning

On August 16, the Government of the U.S.S.R., again acting in conjunction with the British Government, delivered the third warning to Iran, urging the necessity of taking steps to stop the dangerous activities of German agents, and to expel them from the country.

Thus, on three occasions the Soviet Government warned Iran of the danger which on the one hand threatens the interests of Iran, and on the other those of Great Britain and the U.S.S.R., and of the necessity of taking drastic steps to counter this danger.

It is regrettable that the Iranian Government in their reply to these representations refused to undertake any measures against the dangerous activities of the German agents, and by this very fact encouraged the Germans to continue their criminal work.

Temporary Occupation

The Soviet Government found themselves confronted with the necessity of taking immediate steps and exercising its rights by virtue of Paragraph 6 of the 1921 Treaty in the form of dispatch of troops to Iranian territory for temporary occupation with the view to safe-guarding the security of the U.S.S.R.

These measures are in no way directed against the independence of Iran. The military measures undertaken by the Soviet are solely directed against the danger created by the hostile activities of the Germans, and as soon as the danger threatening the U.S.S.R. has disappeared, the Soviet Government, in obedience to its obligations undertaken in the 1921 Treaty, will withdraw

PREMIERS ORDERED TO RESIGN

The Working Committee of the All-India Moslem League has unanimously passed a resolution calling on the three Premiers, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Fazlulhuq and Sir Mohamed Sandullah, to resign from the National Defence Council.

Sir Sikander and Sandullah expressed their willingness to resign while Fazlulhuq asked for time.

He was given 10 days' time to resign failing which the President, Mr. Jinnah, is authorised to deal with the matter.

It was stated in Bombay yesterday that as Sir Sikander and Sandullah have decided to resign the question of disciplinary action against them does not arise and it was added that failing receipt of a satisfactory reply from Fazlulhuq within the time allowed, the Committee had authorised Mr. Jinnah to take such action as he may deem proper and necessary.—Reuter.

WATCHMEN CHARGED

Two district watchmen appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Pang Yuen-kwal, 26, (DW25), was charged with stealing, by means of a trick, \$30 from Lai Shau-wah, 42, gardener, of No. 7, Kweilin Street, last Thursday.

Alleged to have stolen the money with others not in custody accused was allowed \$300 bail and remanded for one week.

Lo Wah, 25, (DW20), was charged with demanding \$80 with menaces from Ip Hon-chu, 24, of No. 34 Kilung Street, last Friday at the Tung Fong Cafe in Temple Street.

In connection with the same case, complainant, Ip Hon-chu, was charged with obtaining \$80, by trick, from Li Lin-tai, 42, married woman, Kweilin Street, on August 10.

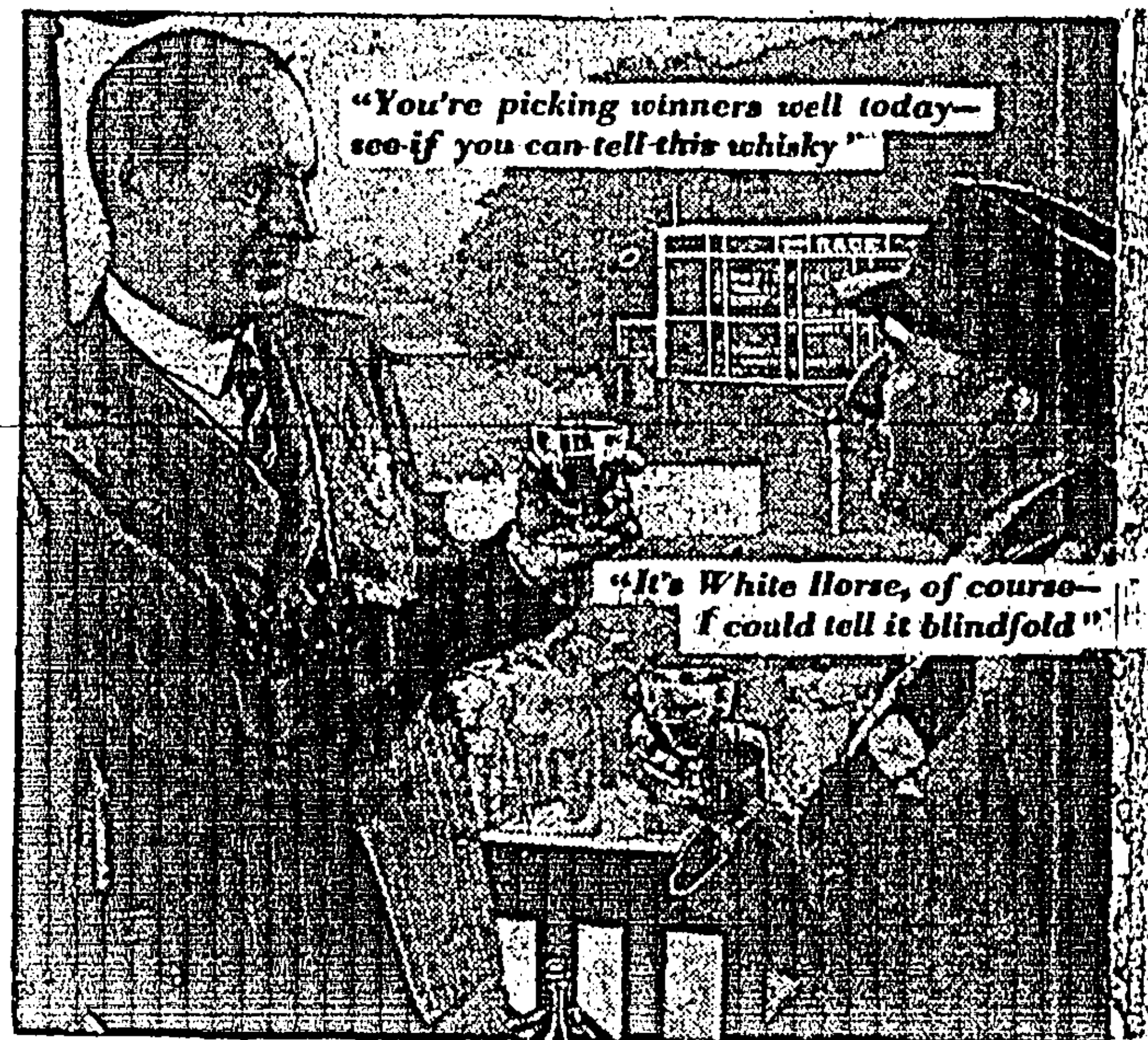
Both men were remanded for one week.

SABOTAGE ON FRENCH RAILWAYS

Hundreds of cases of "Communist" sabotage against the railways have been reported, according to the Count de Brinon, Vichy envoy to Paris, in an interview with American journalist, states Lyons Radio.—Reuter.

its forces from Iranian territory.

The Note, which was dated August 25, was presented simultaneously by M. Molotov to the Iranian Ambassador in Moscow and by the Soviet Ambassador in Teheran. Moscow radio adds that the British Ambassador in Teheran presented the Note simultaneously.—Reuter.



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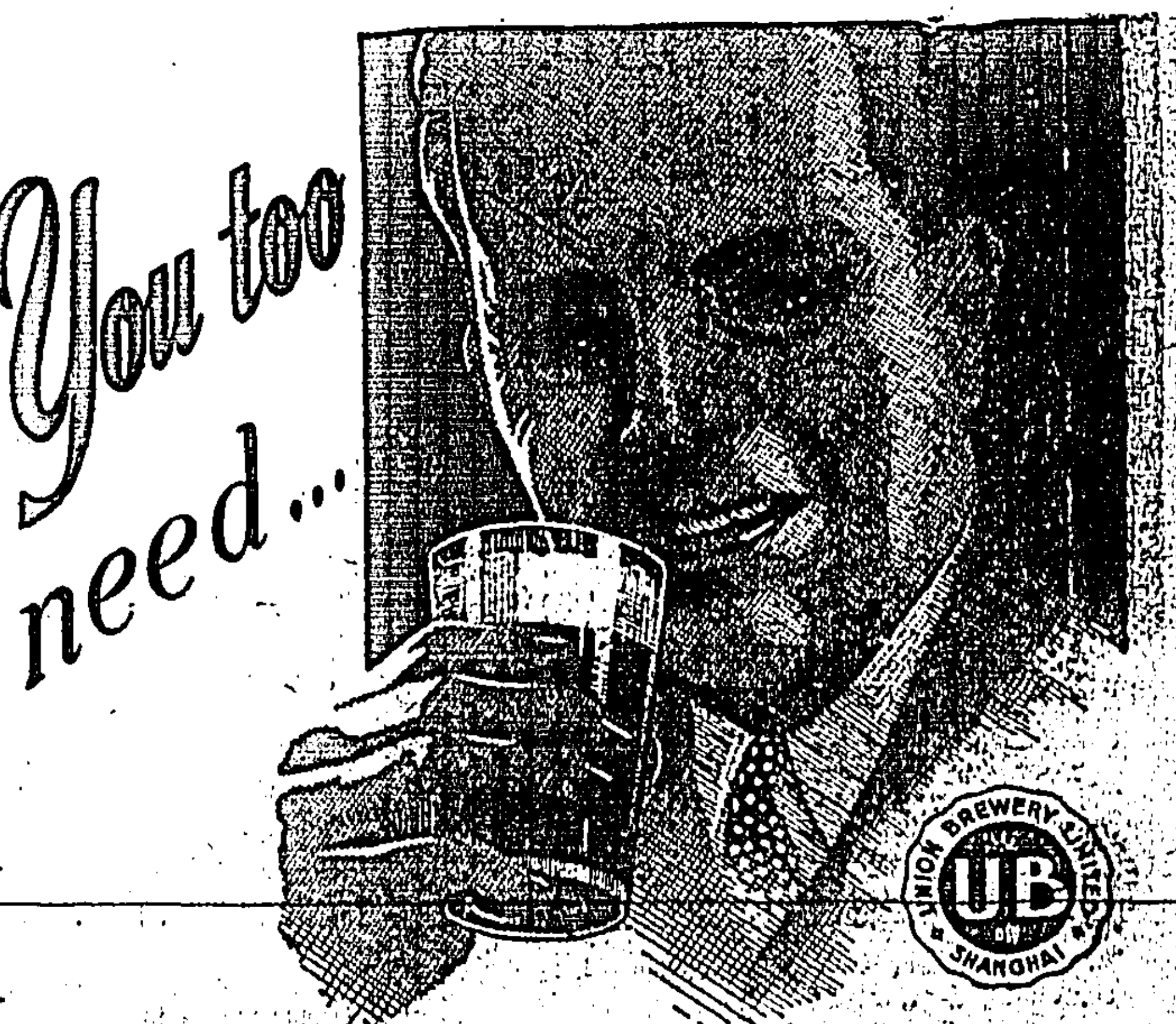
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(ed) W. V. TAYLOR,
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Evacuation Representation
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Hong Kong, 26th August, 1941.

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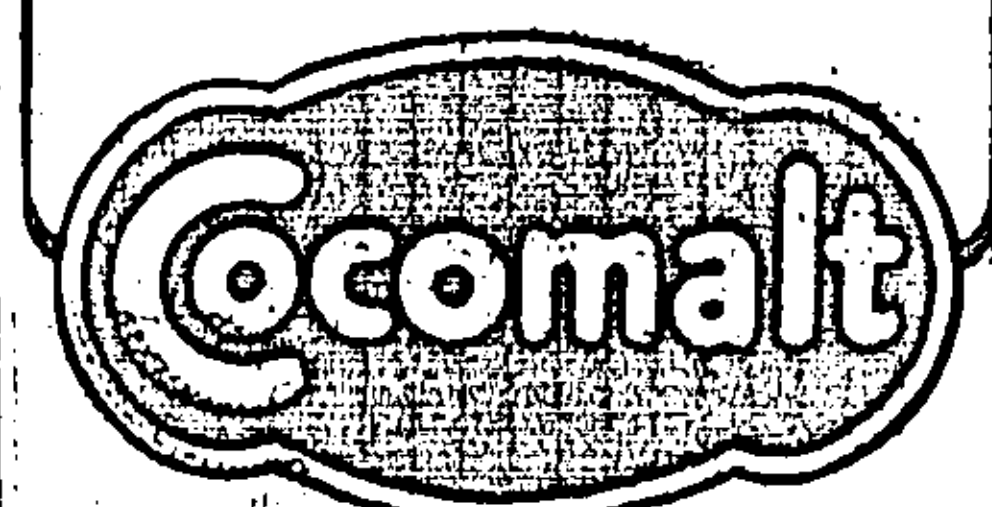
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE RE-OPENING DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

The takeout double is usually thought of as a weapon to be used by the side which does not open the bidding, but under certain circumstances it can be used most effectively by the opening bidder himself. For example:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 10 7 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 8 6 6 3 2

WEST

♠ K 5
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ K 9 4

EAST

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ A J
♣ A J 7

SOUTH

♠ Q J 6
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ Q 7 6
♣ Q 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

East's opening bid was quite normal, as was South's overall. West, however, had a bit of a problem. He could hardly raise spades with only a doubleton in the suit; nor could he go to three diamonds with so shabby a suit and so meagre a hand. He didn't like to pass with as much as three Kings opposite an opening bid, but decided that game was unlikely unless East could find a rebid.

As it happened, East could find a rebid since he had a very strong hand; but right here is where most players would go astray. Most players would wonder only whether to re-open the bidding with two spades or three spades, but neither bid would be a good choice. The correct re-opening bid in this situation is a double — a takeout double.

In this case, West properly chose to convert the takeout double into a penalty double by passing. With a different type of hand, West would have bid his long suit or taken East back to spades. But the penalty pass, with West's actual hand, produced a very gratifying result.

Almost any defence would have held South to four trump tricks, but East and West managed the defence ably enough to limit South to three tricks — a penalty of 900 points!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 9 6 3
♥ 8
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 5 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schlenker	You	Malor
2♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two notrump. You must make some response but cannot quite make a "positive" response with with so little high-card strength.

Score 100% for two notrump, 60% for three spades.

Question No. 304

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schlenker	You	Malor
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

to-morrow.)

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PARIS REFUGEES HOME

Nine hundred refugees from the Paris region have been allowed to return home from the South of France, says the Nazi-controlled Paris radio. Another batch will be allowed to return shortly. — Reuters.

END OF BISMARCK -- BY THE NAVY

The end of the Bismarck—her guns shot out of her and "drooping like a smoking, lurching, black ruin, a thin trickle of men already jumping to safety over her side—was told by an officer and a gunner who took part in the battle.

"She was like a dog that had been run over. Someone had to finish her off," said one. Here are some of the points from their stories:—

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Tovey, saw the Bismarck first. He put on his tin hat — and cut poured a little cascade of water all over him. He just grinned, undisturbed by that or any other incident of this five-day chase.

I actually saw the Rodney's shells flying through the air for some seconds after they left the guns, like little diminishing foot-balls curving up and up into the sky.

The Admiral kept saying: "Close the range, get closer — I can't see enough hits." So we closed the range.

Merciless Hail

The Bismarck, with a fire on the turrets which seemed to envelop the upper turret, turned away, then back, under the most merciless hail of high explosive armour-piercing shells any ship has ever faced. There was no escape — our fellows just went on pumping it out.

After twenty minutes some of her secondary armament and two of the great turrets were still firing. Racing across her quarterdeck were little human figures—a little steady trickle of them jumping into the sea.

One fierce flame shot up as high as the Bismarck's spotting top—every man there must have been incinerated.

Well, we just shot the guns out of her and left a smoking, lurching black ruin. Only her slow wallowing speed seemed still to give her life, and those little jumping figures at the stern.

JUDAS AND FRIEND

"You can't always judge people by their looks. Judas may have been quite good looking and judging by his photographs Admiral Darlan is quite a charming man." — Mr. St. John Hutchinson K.C. at London Sessions.

Indian Wheat For Iran

Sixty thousand tons of wheat have already been sent from India to Iran, it was learned in Simla.

This wheat is for the people of Iran with whom Britain has no quarrel and the whole of the normal supplies have been seriously depleted by earlier Axis demands.

Steps are also being taken to send supplies of other essential commodities to Iran.

It is estimated that there are at present about 3,000 Indians in Iran, mainly in oilfields and in Meshed Aran in the north-west. Precautionary measures regarding Iranian Consulates in India will, it is expected, be taken immediately. — Reuters.

INDIAN ARMY COMRADESHIP

A perfect spirit of comradeship and mutual respect prevails between the British and Indian troops on the fronts in which they are fighting shoulder to shoulder, declared an Indian officer who is now on leave from active service in the Middle East, says a Bhopal message.

He added that the fighting ability of the Indian soldier is equal to the best in the world. The Indian troops are very well looked after, and had absolute confidence in the ultimate victory for the Allies. — Reuters.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



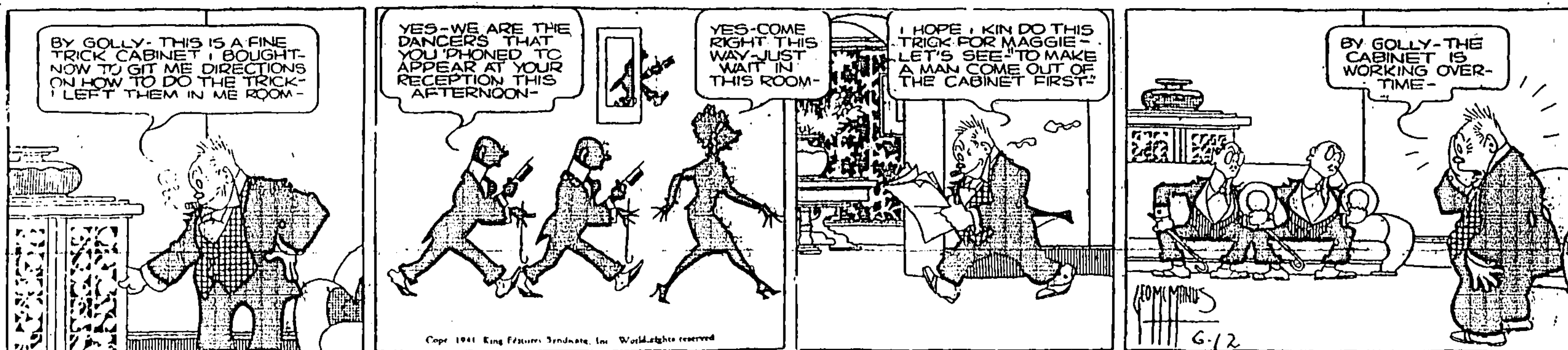
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Summer Routine

The mature beauty has learned that a daily routine of grooming keeps her looking her most attractive. Spasmodic attempts to care for skin and hair bring little more than discouragement.

Aging skin usually takes on a coarse, dry texture and this must be guarded against by devoting ten minutes each day to cream cleansing, lubrication and stimulation.

At night our mature woman must cleanse her face thoroughly and then apply a rich cream. This should be worked into the skin with upward strokes from chin to ear, from nostrils to temples, across the forehead and with gentle circular movements around the nostrils and front chin. It is good to keep the fingers pressed against the skin at the end of each stroke. You will feel the blood being carried upward which helps greatly in toning the small muscles.

For cleansing, at the end of a day, use a cream which melts quickly on your face. Personally I think a rapid cleansing first is good, to remove all the surface dirt at once. This should be followed by a more leisurely cream cleansing.

Now let's discuss stimulation. Many women do not know what stimulation means. Let's substitute the word "skin-tingling" for stimulation. You know how your skin tingles after exercise and after you splash it with cold water? Well, it is stimulated or exercised. The blood rushes to it and carries more beauty food.

Stimulation is most important for the mature skin so if you do not exercise regularly you must artificially stimulate your complexion by using a chilled skin tonic or freshener, or ice water. Stimulation must follow a good cleansing. One may slap the face smartly with the palms before applying any chilled lotion. Bring the blood to the surface and make those tiny, lazy face muscles wake up. Otherwise droopy lines will soon form around your mouth, nose and eyes and you will look older than your years.

Adding Skin Glamour

Every woman of this age group should use a masque preparation once a week. There is a galaxy of masque preparations from



A gay compact, filled with powder to match her current skintone is essential to the beauty of a maturing woman. This vanity contains a generous, worthwhile puff.

which to choose at a wide range of price. And if you prefer to whip up your own you may do that too. But do use one of these pore-refining mixtures once a week after your regular routine.

And remember there is a world of youth, charm and loveliness for the mature beauty in the proper use of proper make-up. Avoid

bold, unnatural effects but strive for gracious glamour. The aging woman who scorns make-up (delightful, natural looking make-up) is not only cheating herself of beauty but is cheating her public as well. Every one adores seeing a beautifully groomed woman who has pointed up her beauty expertly with lipstick, powder and rouge!

Luck For The Bride

Maybe you aren't superstitious or at any rate not to let the gods see her.

... but if you're a bride, we'd bet two dozen oranges to one sprig of orange blossom that you are sticking to all the good old notions about "something borrowed, something blue" and not seeing your bridegroom on your wedding day until you meet in church. Because there just might be something in it.

All these quaint ideas may sound like superstitions now—but way back in olden days there was a reason for each one.

For one thing, everybody then—a-days firmly believed in numerous gods and goddesses and evil spirits; and these immortals had a well-known habit of falling in love with human men and women.

So that as the time for a wedding approached, everybody began to grow nervous in case an evil spirit should carry off the bride or groom; and they did everything they could to fool the gods.

A bride, traditionally wears a veil and is surrounded by bridesmaids because of the old custom of deceiving the gods as to which girl was actually being married.

Then again, if a man met his bride on the morning of the wedding that might betray their secret to the spirits.

The custom of teasing a newly-married couple and playing jokes on them hardly seems like superstition. It's just an annoying tradition, if you are one half of the happy pair... and a legitimate chance for a bit of fun if you are a guest.

But that, too, had its origin in another rather difficult trait of the ancient gods... their habit of punishing anyone who was too happy.

On such a happy occasion as a wedding, it was obviously very necessary to prevent the gods from feeling jealous by pretending that it was really a tragedy.

Shoes were a symbol of children—remember the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe?—and though we may not realize it, THAT'S why we to-day decorate a wedding cake with tiny shoes, or tie them on the bridal car!

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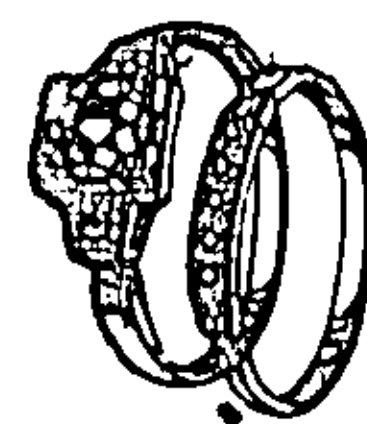
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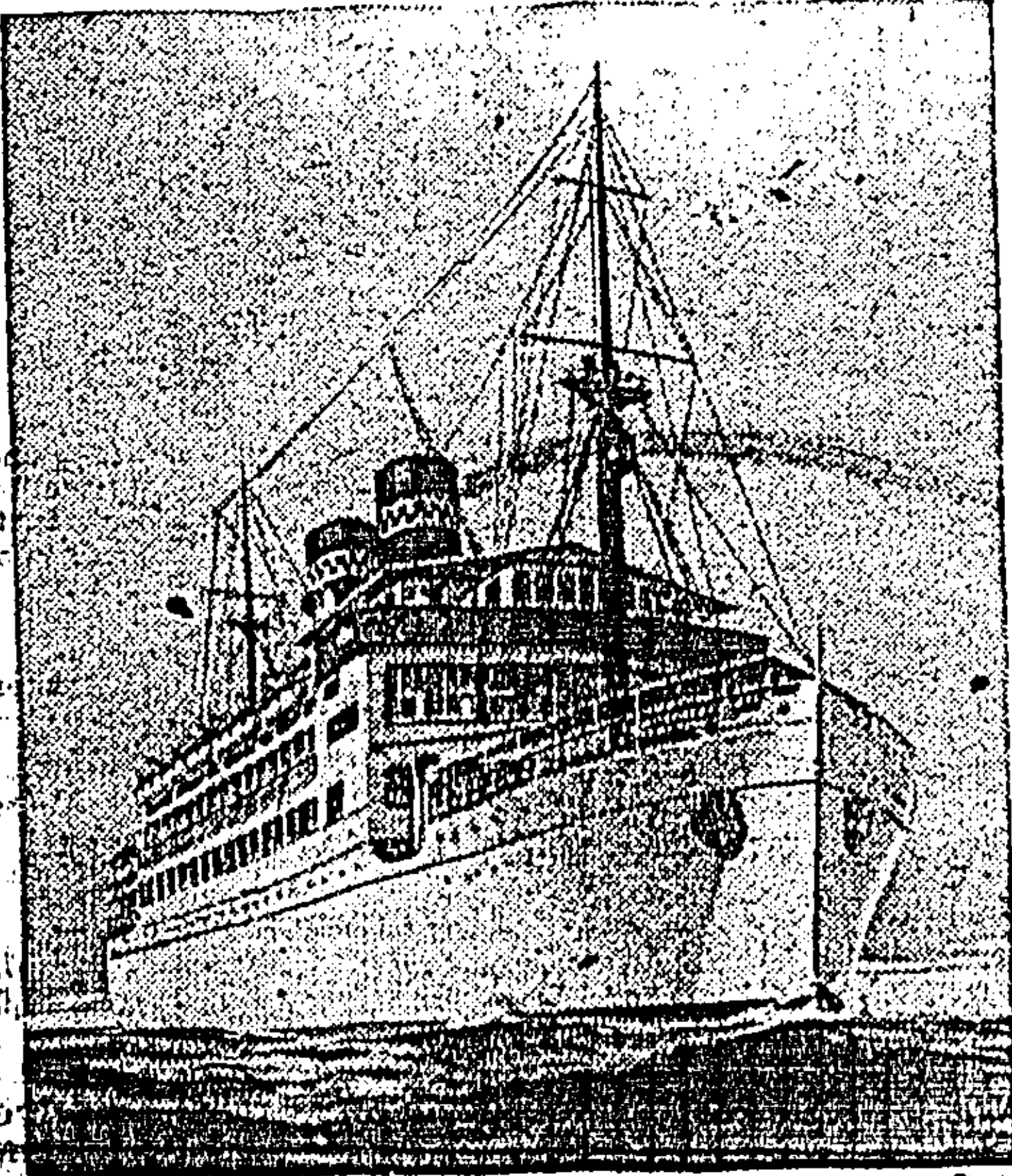
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RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tion.
6.47 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Concerto in G
Minor, Op. 22 and Septet.
Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22—1st
Mov. Andante sostenuto; 2nd Mov.
Allegro scherzando; 3rd Mov.
Presto—Arthur De Greef (Piano)
and New Symphony Orchestra.
Septet—Op. 65: Praeludium—Menuet—
Intermezzo—Gavotte and Finale.
Mm. Faveau (Trumpet), Cantrelle
(1st Violin), Benfanger (2nd Violin),
Vieux (Viola), Marneff (Cello),
Nanny (Double-bass) and Faure
(Piano).
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-
mentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—“Listening
Post”. Examination of Points in
Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Verdi's
Operas.
“The Force of Destiny”—Overture—
Oswald Kabasta & Philharmonic
Orchestra.
“Il Trovatore” (Act 3)—Strike Down
That Dread Fire—Jussi Bjorling
(Tenor) with Orchestra.
“Otello” Willow Song (Act 4)—
Elsabeth Hethberg (Soprano) with
Orchestra.
“Rigoletto”—Selection—Marek
Weber and his Orchestra.
“Otello” Heav'n, Had It Pleas'd
Thee To Try Me (Act 3)—Renato
Zanelli (Tenor) and Members of La
Scala Orchestra, Milan.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.
9.02 p.m.—“Justice Music-Hall Parade”—
1910-1935.
9.27 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano)
and Kenny Baker (Vocal).
Dainty Debutante (Scott-Wood). Pic-
cadilly Playtime (Leach-Evans).
Patricia Rossborough.
Sing A Song Of Harvest (from film
“Kentucky Moonshine”), Just Let
Me Look At You (from film “Joy
Of Living”)—Kern—Kenny Baker
with Orchestra.
Piano (Roy Barge); Slipova
(Roy Barge & Straight)—Patricia
Rossborough.
Who Am I? In The Cool Of The
Evening (from film “The Hit Par-
ade of 1941”)—Bullock—Jule Styne.
Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orch.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on
Short Wave only).
9.46 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Puszta (Mihalj). The Wind Has Told
Me A Story (Brubne). In The
Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill).
Sleep, My Little One—Lullaby
(Hautzik—Riesefeld).
10.00 p.m.—London—The News and
News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording “The
Land We Defend”; Northern Ireland.
10.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Goblins In The Steeple;
The Whistler and His Dog—Milt
Herth Trio.
Quick-Steps—No, Mama, No; Sweet
Little Sweetheart—Joe Loss and
his Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Still The Bluebird Sings:
An Apple For The Teacher (both
from the film “The Star Maker”)—
Larry Clinton and his Orch.
Slow Fox-Trot—The Drift; Fox-Trot—
You've Done Something To My
Heart (both from C. B. Cochran
Show “Lights Up”)—Jack Hylton
and his Orchestra.
Waltz—Vienna So Gay (from “Marit-
za”)—Victor Silvester & his Ball-
room Orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

R.A.M.C. OFFICER FINED

Pleading guilty, by letter, to
driving an unlicensed car, No.
2692; and to driving without a
licence, Captain R. D. Scriven, of
the Combined Military Hospital,
was fined \$53 by Mr. H. C.
Macnamara at Kowloon this
morning.
Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R.
Brittain stated that at 1 p.m. on
August 17, when he stopped
Capt. Scriven in Gascoigne Road,
defendant admitted that he had
no driving licence.
The Inspector stated that de-
fendant had been in the Colony
for two years and had driven
cars occasionally although he had
never taken out a driving
licence.

BAG-SNATCHER CAUGHT AND GAOLED

Chan Wing-fuk, 28, unemploy-
ed, was sentenced to six months'
hard labour by Mr. H. G. Shel-
don, K.C., at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning, for snatch-
ing a handbag from Miss Lau
Ma-lai, of No. 6, Cosmopolitan
Dock, first floor, yesterday.
Detective-Sergeant V. Morrison
said that complainant was walk-
ing in Leighton Hill Road, when
accused snatched her bag. Mr.
A. M. Omar chased and caught
defendant.

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TEMPORARY ATLANTIC BATTLE VICTORY

TWO SPEAKERS—the First Lord of the
Admiralty and Major Sunde, the Norwegian
Minister of Shipping and Supply—have re-
cently made cheering references to the situa-
tion at sea said a competent naval commenta-
tor reviewing the position of sea warfare.

In July, our losses were the lowest for
many months. In August the figures have
been equally good.

The substantial decrease of losses
did not necessarily imply that
what had been called the Battle
of the Atlantic had been won but
at least there was a temporary
victory at a time of the year when
the long days of summer provided
conditions particularly favourable
to the operation of submarines
working in conjunction with air-
craft.

Shipbuilding programmes em-
barked upon since the beginning
of the war had resulted in a great
increase in Britain's Convoy es-
corts.

Though precise figures cannot
be given it is known that a heavy
toll has been levied upon U-Boats.
It is clear that the United States
occupation of Iceland and the
establishment of zones patrolled by
United States warships had also
helped to curb the activity of
enemy submarines.

The Germans might also have
diverted U-Boats in the Eastern
Baltic for their attack upon
their immediate enemy Russia.
Indeed, Russian communiques
had claimed the destruction of
13 submarines up to August
15 in all theatres of war.
It could be assumed that Ger-
man shipyards were working at
full pressure to build U-Boats.
During the last war, the year
1916 saw the completion of 108,
while 87 were commissioned in
1917. The projected programme
for the first nine months of 1919
was no less than 225 or an aver-
age of 25 monthly.

Hazardous Work

However, with huge pro-
grammes of this sort and the con-
tinual drain of losses there must
have been difficulty in providing
the trained crews necessary for
hazardous work on our convoy
routes in the Atlantic. It is
known that U-Boat losses in the
latter part of the last war serious-
ly affected the morale of their
crews and that the bulk of dam-
age was done by a comparatively
few submarine commanders of ex-
ceptional skill and daring.

The facts and figures given
by Mr. Alexander and Major
Sunde were certainly cheering.
On the other hand, it would be
unwise to be unduly elated at
the diminution of submarine
sinkings for it might only be
temporary. Submarine war in-
variably moves in cycles, ac-
cording to the number of boats
in operation over any one per-
iod, the institution of new
counter-measures and the
enemy's ingenuity in circum-
venting them.
Complacency was premature.
The Battle of the Atlantic was
not yet won. We must still be

prepared for nasty knocks in the
future. At the same time, there
was no cause for despondency or
pessimism.

The Navy was constantly being
increased and our convoys, thanks
to the superb skill and bravery of
our merchant seamen, were still
crossing the sea with the food
munitions and materials upon
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Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Gerber,
who says that the plant comprises
23 square miles of buildings and
magazines. The factory cost
\$30,000,000.—Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Stock Exchange in London
yesterday displayed a generally
firm and cheerful tendency under
the influence of the Allied move
to Iran and the stimulating
Churchill speech but business
failed to expand and markets
closed quieter.

Anglo-Iranian was the firm
feature throughout rising 3s. to
£3. 6s. 10d. Burma oil was also
good. Gilt-edged securities were
steady, industrials slightly harden,
Kaffirs tended higher, Japanese
Bonds went up one point and
Brazilian Bonds were also
better. Wall Street was dull.—
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The figures were revealed by the Minister in the House recently. He was replying to Sir Percy Hurd, who asked how many men and women were employed in the postal and telegraph censorship of the Ministry in addition to the other 1,801 on the staff: what was the total cost in salaries, and were any further sums paid for services in connection with the Ministry's secret inquests or otherwise.

Reply was that the present staff numbered 3,808 men and 2,635 women. Total cost of the salaries was £2,196,000 per annum. Cost in salaries of the other 1,801 of the Ministry's members totalled £528,500.

No Secret Inquests

"The Ministry does not conduct any secret inquests" was the Minister's acid comment on the latter part of the question.

Regarding the cost, the Minister said it was more important to ensure that this work was being efficiently carried out than to reduce the expenditure.

At another stage the Minister said that in the past three months forty-two people had been engaged in the study and report on public opinion at a cost of £4,400 a quarter.

IS WEYGAND PLANNING TO FIGHT?

UNREST IS VISIBLE in France, the De Gaulle cause is increasing in popularity in France proper and in all French colonies, and Gen. Maxim Weygand has been impressed enough by recent changes in German prospects to summon all his aides and counsellors in Africa for a review of the entire world situation, according to information received in official quarters in Washington.

This change in the French situation is attributed to the supine Vichy surrender of Indo-China to Japan without a fight and to the fact that Hitler's armies are tangled in the midst of Russia instead of being in London as Germans had generally been predicting for months.

The Government of Vichy was of course predicated on the expectation of a quick German victory. It based its policy on that expectation from the beginning and it always defended itself within France with the argument that the Allied cause was hopeless.

Allied Cause Brighter

But the Allied cause looks brighter to-day than at any time since the Germans broke through

the French defences at Sedan.

Britain has had two months of respite in which to catch up on lost sleep, increase its air-craft reserves, bring supplies in from the Atlantic.

The United States has gained two months which may prove to have been the most important two months in current history. At the beginning of the two month period most of the new airplane and tank factories were beginning to fill with idle machinery. To-day they are filled with men, the machinery is humming, and new, superior models of planes and tanks are rolling.

If Germany had attacked Britain this summer the new American arms plants would have been worthless. The issues would have been decided without them. But no military issue in the future will be unaffected by the arms from American plants which have come into production during the past two months.

All of these considerations have had a powerful impact in France and on Frenchmen throughout the world. With the men of Vichy losing in prestige daily the freer Frenchmen of North Africa are reported to be debating whether the time has come to cut the strands with Vichy.

There are two main obstacles. They know that if they do it will bring German armies into the unoccupied area of France. Also General Weygand himself finds it extremely difficult to face co-operation with General de Gaulle.

For these two reasons no one in Washington seriously expects General Weygand to take the initiative at this moment in denouncing the German armistice and resuming the war. But every German tank and every German airplane lost in Russia makes the Weygand forces in North Africa just that much more potentially powerful.

THE TIME MAY COME, IN FACT MAY HAVE ALREADY COME, WHEN A JOINT ATTACK ON LIBYA FROM THE BRITISH IN EGYPT AND THE FRENCH IN TUNIS AND ALGIERS MIGHT CRUSH THE ITALIAN AND GERMAN FORCES BETWEEN

Washington Watches Closely

If General Weygand is ever to take his chance this may be the right time for it. At least there is enough weight behind this thought among Frenchmen to have caused a complete reassessment of the whole situation in North Africa. General Weygand called in all his economic, political and military subordinates for a general conference.

Washington watches with intense interest. If General Weygand should decide to make the experiment and take his great gamble he can be assured at once of supplies of oil and gasoline for his motor units. Dozens of tankers could be diverted at once to Casablanca and Dakar. He could also be sure that airplanes and tanks now labelled for Britain would be shipped at once to those same ports. He has not asked how much would be given him, and no one has tried to make him any promises. There is no need of that. He knows approximately what could be expected. It is his decision.

While he is trying to make up his mind Washington holds back on extending the benefit of "lend-lease" materials to the forces of General de Gaulle. There is heavy pressure for this step, but it could have an extremely adverse effect

on the deliberations in North Africa which might turn to the Allied advantage. It is considered a question not of probability, but only of an admittedly remote possibility. But as long as it remains even a possibility Washington is determined to close no opportunities for General Weygand.

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WIN AND DEFEAT FOR NAVY "B"

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, Royal Navy "B" beat Middlesex "B" 2-1 on Sunday.

Last night European Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Navy "B" 4-2. N. D. Booker (2) A. F. May and L. A. Benn scored for "Y" and Lieut. H. G. Thompson (2) for Navy.

TO-DAY'S GAMES
Following is to-day's programme of matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament.

AT ARMY POOL
"Y" v 5th A.A. R.A.
(6.30 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Royal Navy "B"
(7.00 p.m.)
8th R.A. v Middlesex "B"
(7.30 p.m.)
Signals v 96th R.A.
(8.00 p.m.)

N. L. Smith, Civil Service Cricket Club cricketer, is likely to be playing soccer more often for Hong Kong Football Club this season.

Bobby Jones's team, in a challenge match, has beaten the United States 1939 Ryder Cup team by 8½ points to 6½. The foursomes played on Saturday and Sunday resulted in a 3-2 lead for the Ryder Cup team. Ten singles were played yesterday.—Reuter.

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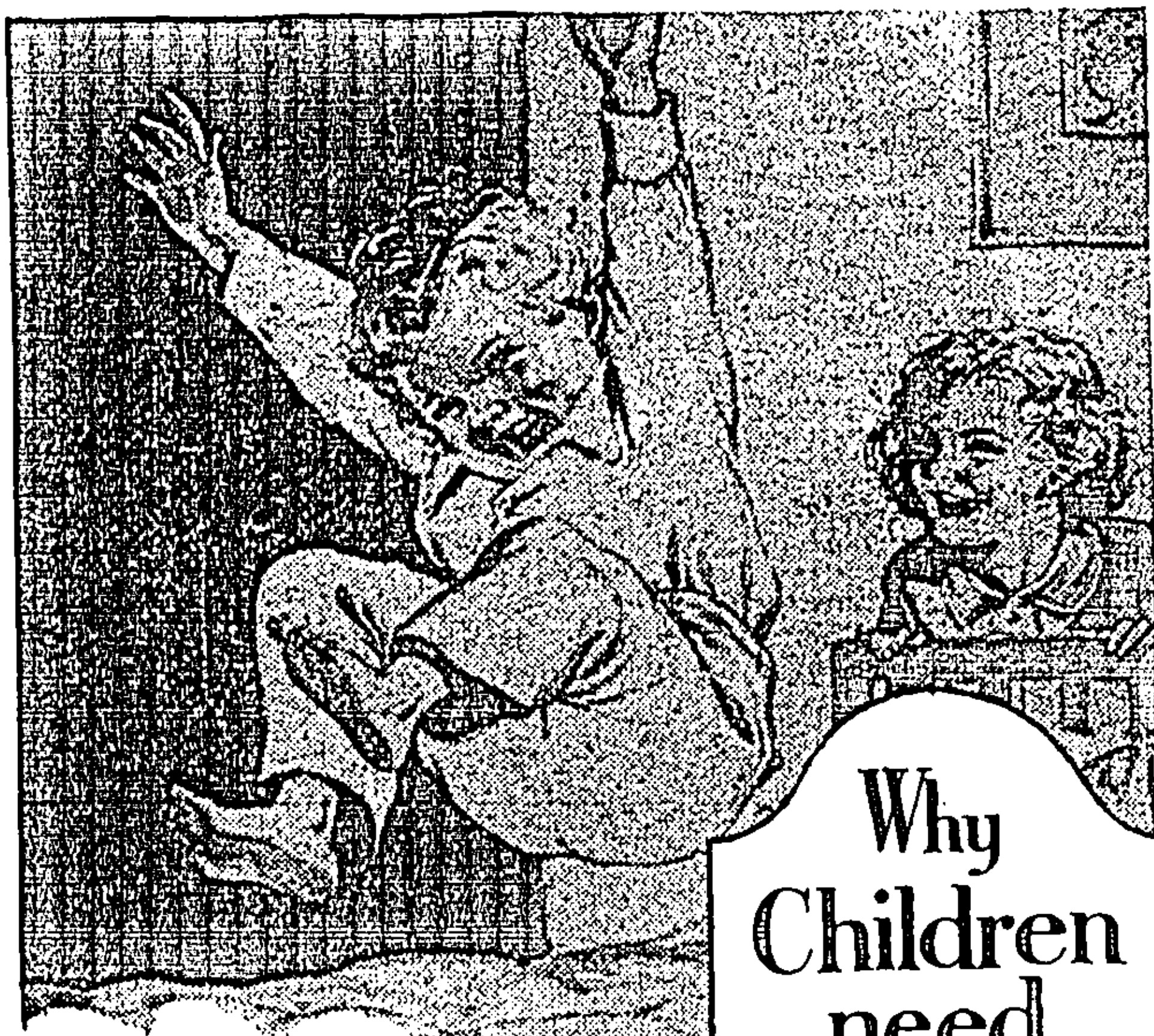
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NAVY SOCCER PRACTICES

By "Incog"

The Navy are doing things in the right way this season in regard to preparation for the approaching football season, and a visit to the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, any evening, will bear out this statement.

I had heard whispers of "secret training," and in order to satisfy my curiosity, I made the trip to the ground several evenings ago. I was not disappointed for, I don't remember ever having seen training by any football team on such an organised scale here before.

Before going further into this training scheme, I would like to mention that it was all thought, planned and concocted by none other than that very keen supporter of football, Mr. D. M. Mitchell. He had gone to a great deal of trouble to get the thing organised and started, but after the lads had been down there once, there was never any more doubt as to "whether it would work."

Class Popular

This class has been going on now for well on a fortnight, and though the nature of naval duties are such that it is not possible for the same crowd to be present every evening, there has not been any falling off in the numbers attending, and that alone speaks volumes for the keenness of the men and the organiser.

Light exercises were the order of the day for the first week or so, "just to knock the old body into shape," as one of them said. Then light ball practice was started—kicking the ball around, ball control and shooting and, according to the schedule, heavier work will commence next week, with perhaps short pick-up games to follow before full-time practice matches are indulged in.

Prospects Bright

Mr. Mitchell is also very enthusiastic about the men, and the chances of Royal Navy in Senior Division Football this coming season. And so he should be, for in addition to all the stalwarts of last season, with the exception of Honeywell, he will have a number of young fellows who are new to the Colony.

Players who have taken part in these training classes to date include: Page, Croft, Rushman, Pratt, Roughly, Giff, Rutter, Harkin, Breese, Brit, Hawkesworth, Worth, Hendy, Spradbury, Hocking, Anderson, Miers and Shipwath.

HONG KONG WIN INTERPORT

Hong Kong beat Macao on Sunday in the Miniature Football Interport by 2 goals to 1 at Macao. Lai Chung-yin and Chan Chak-kai scored for Hong Kong.

A. A. Noronha will soon be busy getting together a V.R.C. track team for the winter months. According to him, there is every possibility of an attempt being made to hold athletic championships this season, and the initiative will be taken either by European Y.M.C.A. or V.R.C.



Competitors and spectators at the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday. Miss "Jackie" Anderson (French Convent), who won the 50 Yards free-style race and tied with Miss C. Gutierrez (St. Mary's School) in the diving, is seen in the middle of the second row, with a towel over her shoulders, and sitting next to her is Miss Yvonne Yelle, also of French Convent.

HONG KONG HAS EXCELLENT JUNIOR SWIMMING TALENT JUDGING FROM V.R.C. SPORTS

By "Incog"

The form revealed at the Inter-School Swimming Gala at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday must have been most gratifying to the sponsors, and augurs well for the future of swimming in the Colony.

It is true that, in some cases, over anxiousness to win tended to spoil the swimming from the "high standard point of view," more especially in the case of the juniors, but this is, fortunately, a fault that will naturally disappear with experience, and for that reason need not be viewed with too much concern.

While the boys treated the spectators to some very keen competition, it was left to the girls to bring off the high-

light of the evening, this happening in the 50 Yards free-style event, when Miss Jackie Anderson returned the excellent time of 31 seconds flat, to beat a club-mate in Miss Celeste Gutierrez by a touch, the latter again being about the same distance ahead of Miss Ka Mid-ling.

In this event, with three of the Colony's best swimmers in action, excluding, of course, the title-holder, Miss Vivienne Churn, the high standard set was as expected, but in the 50 Yards back-stroke, Miss Anderson surprised even her most ardent supporter when she gave Miss Gutierrez a close race, losing by only a touch. It is generally felt that if she were to take up this department of swimming seriously, she would develop into just as good a back-stroker as she is a free-styler, and for those who have seen her in the latter events that is saying a good deal.

Diving Faults

The boys who took part in the Junior Diving event did quite well. Their form throughout the air and their take-off generally were the weakness, but as far as their entry into the water was concerned, that was very good and clean, and the performers were justly applauded by the crowd. The winner of this event, K. Thomas of St. Stephen's was very good and with more concentration on the take-off he would do even better.

Coming to the sprint events, I am afraid the style and form displayed was not as good as was expected, but this defect was more than made-up for in power. William Tso, who won the 100 Yards free-style, should develop into an excellent swimmer if some experienced coach takes him in hand. His time of 62-1/5 secs. for that distance was very good, considering his tender years—the Colony record (held by D. Hutchinson) is 58-1/5 secs. My advice to him would be to concentrate on this, and if he gets the proper training I expect him to be a strong challenger in future Open Championships.

The competitors in the Boys' Senior breast-stroke showed very good form, and all those who took part in the 100 Yards gave promise of developing into really fine performers. Kong Ying-wing, who won this event, is already receiving the benefit of coaching at one of the Chinese bathing clubs, and others would be well-advised to follow suit.

Lopes Wins Easily

A. V. Lopes, who is being coached and trained at V.R.C. by Gusie Noronha, won the 100 Yards back-stroke quite easily. He was expected to do so as, in a recent 50 Yards race at V.R.C., he beat A. K. Rumljahn, though in fairness it must be said that the Colony champion had, only a few minutes previously, taken part in a very strenuous race. Young Lopes has a very fine physique, and more should be heard of him in the future.

This lad also won the 220 Yards free-style, but here it must be mentioned that he showed the glaring fault of what is generally known as the "straight arm action." After the arms enter the water they turn outward instead of inward. If he can correct this fault and pay more attention to the importance of rhythm, rather than power, he ought to make a good middle distance swimmer. His stamina has already been proven.

Taking everything into consideration, the gala was an unqualified success, even though the Summer holidays limited the entries. It is a pity that more schools do not boast swimming baths of their own. As far as I know King's College and St. Paul's Girls' College are the only ones to enjoy this amenity, though, of course, the boys at St. Stephen's have their own beach at Stanley. More opportunities for training in a bath would result in improvement all round and a higher standard in school swimming generally.

COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms for the Colony Swimming Championships, which will be held on September 23 and 27, and October 2 and 4 have been circulated to all clubs.

Heats will be held between September 29 and September 30. By spreading the heats and championship over so many days it is hoped to give all competitors a chance of participating in as many events as they desire.

Volunteer duties will be taken into consideration when the programme of events for the Championships and heats are drawn up.

The Annual Harbour race will be held the week following the championships.

Considerable interest was aroused the other day in local tennis circles by a report published in one of the Chinese papers, to the effect that Indian Recreation Club had just recruited a 17-year-old tennis wonder, who had wiped the floor with the Rumljahns and, in fact, with anybody he had met. This report, however, proves to be somewhat "premature," no such tennis player having joined the "Sookunpoo" club, where some members said they "hoped to goodness there was some truth in the report!"

ALL WINNERS AND PLACED PONIES FOR FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON

Hong Kong Jockey Club's record book for the first half of the 1941 racing season was distributed recently, and from this informative publication we have compiled the following complete list of 1941 winners and placed ponies with the total stakes money won up to June 30, 1941:—

CHINA PONIES

	1	2	3	Stakes
Advancing Time	0	0	0	\$2,800
Arabian Cat	0	0	0	975
Ascot Vale	1	0	0	1,900
Avon	2	0	1	6,750
Blue Diamond	0	0	0	3,450
Blue Field	3	0	0	2,350
Boat Bay	0	0	0	9,425
Bressay	0	0	0	2,450
Burford	0	0	1	6,222
Celtic Star	0	0	1	7,452
Charlesber	1	1	3	2,300
Chatterbox	0	0	0	3,550
Confusion Bay	1	1	2	15,250
Conquering Time	1	0	0	4,875
Desert Star	0	0	3	3,513
Dow Jones	1	2	1	1,850
Dupont Bay	0	0	0	3,400
Emergency Unit	0	0	1	1,000
Eve of Dancing	1	1	1	2,650
Eve of Deception	0	1	0	500
Eve of Folly	1	0	0	1,700
Eve of Grandeur	1	0	0	1,900
Eve of Harvest	0	3	0	9,088
Eve of Heaven	0	0	0	3,050
Eve of Hunting	0	3	1	1,916
Eve of Peace	2	0	0	1,800
Eve of Reason	2	0	0	2,625
Expansion Time	0	1	1	6,357
Forty-Six	1	0	0	600
Galaxy	1	0	0	6,650
Gallant Marshal	1	1	2	1,750
Galveston Bay	2	1	2	5,350
Gay Star	0	0	0	1,900
Gladiator	1	0	0	17,705
Guinness Time	0	0	0	3,987
Happy Eve	0	0	0	2,425
Heddon	0	3	0	2,550
Hillsboro Bay	1	0	0	3,000
Hopeful Star	0	2	3	3,000
Humdrum Eve	0	0	0	6,150
Iron Beauty	0	0	1	700
Jack O'Lantern	0	0	0	2,825
Jane Doe	0	0	0	800
Jennifer	0	1	0	4,050

Jobber	0	0	1	6,225
Johnher	0	3	0	2,550
Just in Time	0	0	0	4,700
Kentucky	0	0	0	800
King Kong	1	1	2	9,300
King's Envoy	0	0	0	1,275
King's Worthy	0	1	2	1,675
Lancashire Chap	1	0	0	1,850
Lancashire Lass	1	1	0	4,850
Liliber	0	0	1	4,050
Lovelylight	0	1	1	883
Lovely Star	2	2	0	1,650
Lucky Eleven	0	2	2	1,050
Musketeer	0	1	0	2,187
National Liberty	0	0	1	3,975
National Success	0	0	0	925
Navylight	0	0	0	325
Night Express	1	1	0	7,672
Odeon	0	2	1	1,100
O'Loan	2	1	2	6,777
Oolong	4	1	0	7,681
Oonagh	0	0	0	1,000
Oscar Zylch	1	0	1	675
Palmer	1	1	1	2,300
Peaceful View	0	0	1	1,625
Phoenix	1	0	1	3,850
Piet Hein	3	0	0	3,712
Plain View	1	0	1	4,919
Portrush	1	0	1	5,325
Potentate	1	1	0	5,116
Raconteur	0	0	0	637
Racylight	1	0	0	3,200
Radium Star	1	2	0	2,575
Red Feather	0	0	0	12,564
Resisting Time	0	0	0	500
Rob Roy	0	0	0	6,399
Rosmon	0	0	0	1,100
Rose Emily	0	0	1	3,900
Rose Evelyn	0	0	0	15,846
Rose Flana	0	0	0	1,700
Rose Jane	0	0	1	3,650
Rose Queen	0	0	0	13,949
Royal Highness	1	1	1	6,412
Royal Wedding Eve	2	0	2	900
Salvage Master	0	0	0	7,466
Sam's Choice	1	1	2	2,500
Scenic View	0	0	0	5,816
Smashing Through	0	0	0	600
Smiling Time	0	0	0	2,000
So Nice	1	0	2	1,250
Spicylight	0	0	2	3,300
Strathbannock	0	0	0	6,500
Sunlight View	0	1	1	2,116
Sylvandale	0	1	0	6,850
Talking Master	0	0	0	2,375
Taxiing Master	0	0	0	1,250
The Tigress	0	0	1	1,700
Thirty-Six	1	0	0	2,450
Valorous	0	0	0	19,487
Velvettlight	3	3	0	5,466
West Lake	1	1	2	3,000
White Diamond	0	0	0	2,250
Wilber	0	0	0	5,550
Wonderful Scheme	2	0	1	2,000
World Fair View	2	1	0	3,800
Zero	0	0	0	2,850

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

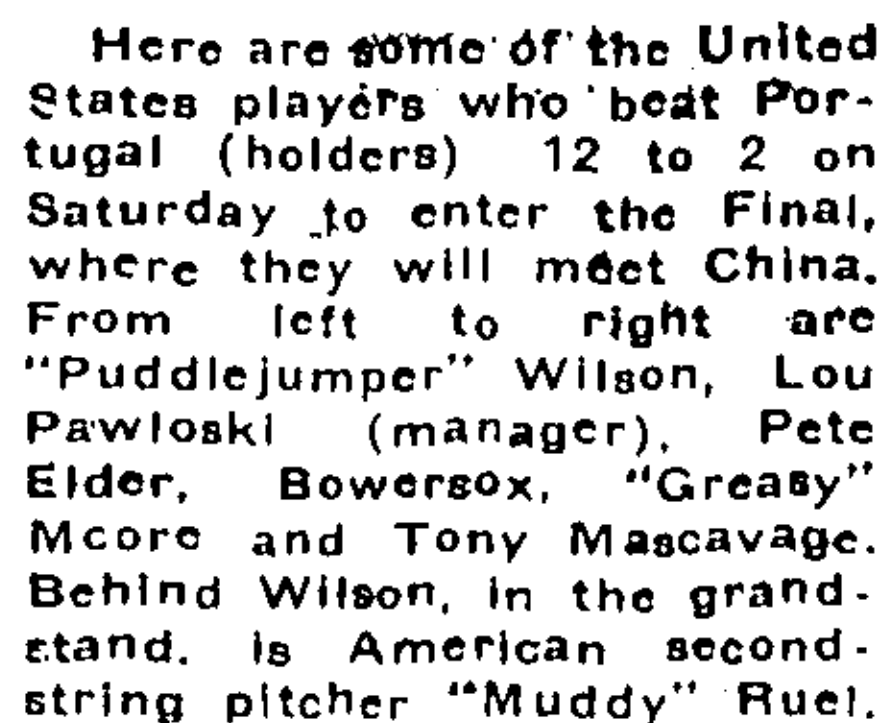
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A Good Time	0	0	3	\$ 550
A Grand Time	0	0	0	4,137
A Green Time	0	0	0	500
A Happy Time	2	1	0	2,950
Ajax	0	0	0	2,250
A Luxurious Time	1	0	0	1,750
Amber II	1	0	0	2,400
Amulet Star	1	0	0	1,500
Amusement Tax	0	0	1	350
Angel of Glory	1	0	0	1,000
Annabella	0	0	0	3,376
Anzac Day	0	2	1	1,300
Araxy II	1	0	0	1,000
A Roaring Time	0	0	0	2,450
A Tossy Time	0	2	1	1,250
A Surprising Time	2	1	2	4,100
Australian Diamond	1	2	0	5,250
Australian Prince	0	0	0	900
Baffin Bay	1	1	0	8,400
Battle	0	1	0	500
Bendemeer	0	0	0	1,000
Bendigo	1	0	2	1,300
Black Seal	1	0	3	2,500
Blue Gown	0	0	1	75
Bona Vacantia	1	1	1	1,000
Bredon	0	0	1	3,100
Brown Derby	0	0	1	3,400
Bruno	0	0	0	1,075
Brutus	1	0	0	1,075
Buckfastleigh	0	1	0	1,100
Bugle	1	2	3	2,900
Buxlight	0	0	0	400
Casino	0	0	1	300
Catterick Bridge	3	0	0	4,125
Centre Court	1	0	0	6,750
Cheerful Star	1	1	1	3,325
Chiltern	0	0	0	3,501
Cocklerol	0	0	2	2,500
Colodma	1	1	1	2,550
Colorado Star	0	0	3	1,550
Conniber	1	1	1	3,750
Contact	0	2	1	2,000
Corair	0	1	0	500
Corvette	0	1	0	1,200
Crack Shot	0	0	1	5,050
Criffel	0	0	0	600
Dashing Beauty	1	0	0	250
Daylight	0	0	1	250

Derby Day	0	0	0	6,750
Devonian	0	1	0	4,450
Dick Turpin	0	0	2	3,225
Dignitas	0	0	1	200
Distant View	5	2	0	10,750
Double Finesse	1	0	1	5,600
Dutch Treat	1	0	0	2,000
Endeavour	2	2	2	5,574
Fair Chance	1	0	0	2,950
Far View	0	0	2	8,623
First Love	1	0	1	2,250
Fleetwing	2	2	0	4,200
Flying Dutchman	0	0	0	1,200
Franklin	0	0	0	1,200
Fresh Air	1	1	2	2,100
Gay Fox	1	0	2	1,800
Gloaming	1	0	0	1,750
Gold Rod	0	0	1	300
Googly	0	0	1	300
Graceful View	1	0	0	600
Happy Landings	0	0	0	3,100
Happy Returns	1	3	1	4,700
Harmony Star	1	0	0	600
Hascossay	0	1	1	1,800
Hole in One	1	0	0	1,000
Income Tax	0	0	0	1,850
Joan Bolle	0	0	2	550
Joan	1	0	0	1,000
Jus Gentium	1	0	0	3,327
King's Flight	2	2	0	3,300
King's Welcome	0	1	0	600
Lancashire Chips	1	0	1	13,660
Leading Star	1	0	0	1,000
Lex Fort	1	0	0	2,000
Locus Standi	0	0	0	400
London	2	0	0	1,800
Lucky Lady	0	0	0	1,550
Mainsail	3	1	1	3,800
Manhattan	1	0	1	1,800
Man-O-War	2	1	0	1,800
Many Thanks	2	1	0	3,650
Maple Leaf	1	0	0	1,500
Maple Star	0	0	0	1,100
Maple Warbler	1	0	1	2,150
Melody Star	0	0	0	1,400
Misty View	0	0	1	750
Moonlight	3	0	0	3,300
Mountain View	1	2	2	3,150
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By "Grandstand"

The championships will be continued on Thursday at the same time.

Competitors in the Singles Ten Pins Tournament at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys who find difficulty in contacting their opponents are requested to communicate with the manager of the Alleys, who will make the necessary arrangements for the game to be played.



If this is granted they will be entering two additional teams in Second Division.

ming; 2, (Royal Scots), Pte. MacHugh, Pte. Plummer, Cpl. Davidson and Lt. Hunter. Time: 2 mins. 11 secs.

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ATTITUDE OF IRAN

Statement By Premier To Iranian Parliament

Lease And Lend Request

President Roosevelt is reported to have discussed with his legislative advisers yesterday the new Lease and Lend request of five to six thousand million dollars which he intends to make about September 15.

Informed quarters state that the exact amount of the request has not yet been determined.

Estimate of the cost of the new programme is still being obtained from the Government Departments concerned.

Yesterday's conference are reported to have reaffirmed the previous decision that none of the new funds will be used for helping Russia, and one conferee told reporters that "Russia has funds to buy things with now, and for sometime to come, and we won't have to finance her purchase."

Reuter.

MINES SIGHTED

Three mines were sighted drifting into the harbour at 8.25 a.m. to-day. The Water Police and Naval Authorities were notified and the necessary measures have been taken.

Necessary Measures Taken

BRITISH FORCES HAVE BOMBED AND SHELLED SEVERAL IRANIAN TOWNS, ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN PREMIER, ADDRESSING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO THE TEHERAN RADIO.

The Premier said: "You all know that at the beginning of the present war, the Iranian Government in accordance with the wishes of the Shah, declared the strict neutrality of the country, which policy has been applied in every sense of the word, and to the best of our ability."

"We followed a policy of friendship and cordiality with all countries in touch with Iran, especially our neighbours."

"Nevertheless, the British Government, in agreement with the Russian, presented a memorandum asking Iran to expel the majority of the Germans in the country."

"The Iranian Government assured those governments that Iran was watching every move by all foreigners in the country and no danger could arise from the small number of Germans."

"With a view to calming Britain and Russia, the Iranian Government took special steps to reduce the number of Germans in the country and did their best to satisfy the British and Russian Governments."

Four A.M. Call

"It is most regrettable that despite all the efforts of the Iranian Government to preserve peace, the

STICKING TO HIS STORY

After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles yesterday, the Iranian Minister in Washington told reporters that there were no German agents in Iran and that the Russo-British allegations to the contrary was "only a pretext for invasion."

Reuter.

British and Soviet representatives, instead of discussing matters in a peaceful understanding way arrived at my house at 4 a.m. to-day with a threatening memorandum.

"According to reports reaching me, it appears that the British and Soviet forces crossed the border even before the representatives arrived at my house. The British have attacked ships in Iranian ports and British planes and guns have already bombed and shelled some Iranian towns."

"The Iranian authorities have taken all necessary measures to meet the situation."—Reuter.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Despite the strict precautionary measures of the Japanese in Shanghai, terrorists struck again last night.

They claimed the life of a Japanese employee of the Japanese Army, and wounded another.

The shooting occurred inside the Japanese-controlled area north of the Soochow Creek, where the Japanese authorities had closed all the bridges and had launched a campaign of searches a few hours before the affray in connection with the plan to "combat terrorism."

It is believed that five gunmen participated in the attack and escaped through the net of one of the strictest searches in Shanghai's troubled history. — International News Service.

BEAVERBROOK AT NO. 10

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") LORD BEAVERBROOK, THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY, WHO ARRIVED IN SCOTLAND YESTERDAY BY BOMBER PLANE FROM THE UNITED STATES, PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO NO. 10, DOWNING STREET, FOR A CONFERENCE WITH MR. CHURCHILL.

No comment on the conference comes from official quarters, but it is an easy assumption that Lord Beaverbrook reported to Mr. Churchill on the results of his lend-lease negotiations in Washington. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Thirty cases of cholera with 21 deaths, 303 of tuberculosis with 147 deaths, 42 of dysentery with 19 deaths, 29 of enteric fever with 16 deaths, one of meningitis with two deaths, and one of diphtheria were notified to the Health authorities last week.

The Maharajah of Patiala on his return from Malaya to Bombay to-day told Reuter that the presence everywhere of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire was very heartening. He was sure no nation would be so rash as to provoke with the British in that zone as it was an extremely hazardous venture. Any attempt to invade Singapore would be a very heavy undertaking. — Reuter.

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IRAN WAS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE ADVICE

THOUGH THE FULL TEXT OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THE BRITISH MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 16, HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, THE FULL SUMMARY MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOT PREPARED TO FALL IN WITH THE URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BRITISH AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS, SAYS REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT FROM LONDON.

The Iranian Government declares that it has been its policy to ask all those foreigners to leave the country who have no special employment, and whose presence there is unnecessary, in addition to those whose positions can be filled by Iranians.

It adds that this policy is being carried out with greater care and speed as the result of the British Government's representations.

Furthermore, as entry into the country, residence and movements of foreigners is controlled, there was no cause for anxiety since nothing had occurred to justify it.

The Government emphasised that their neutrality will not allow them to put into practice, in respect of nationals of one state, steps which would be contrary to their treaties and which would lead to the abandonment of their rigidly neutral course.

Nazi Scheme

These superficially admirable sentiments do not accord well with the evident intention of the German community in Iran. There is no doubt that Germany had every intention of using her nationals in Iran as and when the war situation required.

There is reason to believe that, counting on the complacency and inactivity by the British Government, the Germans had hoped to make further efforts to establish themselves in the Middle East, where in addition to the threat to British interests they would be in

a position to exert considerable additional pressure upon Turkey and would menace the whole of the Arab world.

Not Prepared

On this occasion Great Britain has not been prepared to wait, and there is reason to believe that the line taken will meet with the strong approval of all friends of democracy.

Intimidated by Nazi methods and military might, Iran has always been reluctant to take any step, however well it might be justified, which was liable to offend Germany.

There has also been too ready acquiescence in any demands the Germans put forward.

German penetration into Iran has aroused much anxiety in Russia, because an air attack from Iran bases would take the Soviet oilfields in the rear. For this and other strategic reasons, Russia has always shown the keenest interest in Iran, designed to ensure that she shall not be dominated by any foreign power. — Reuter.

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